ANNO XXVIII.
HENRICI VIII.

ACTES MADE IN THE parlyament begõne and holden at westm. the. VIII. daye of June, in the. XXVIII. yere of the reygne of our most dread soueraigne lorde kynge HENRY the. VIII. & there contynued and kepte tyll the dissolution of the same parliament the. XVIII. of July, to the honour of God, and for the common wele and prosyte of this realme.

THO. BERTHELET EXCVDEBAT. CVM PRIVILEGIO.

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WHERE IN THE LASTE parlyament, begõne and holden at London, the thyrd day of Nouembre, in the .xxi. yere of the kynges moste gratious reigne, and from thens adiourned to Westm, and there holden and continued by dyuers and sondry prorogations, It was enacted amonges other thynges, that suche person and persons, whiche dyd flee or resorte to any parisshe churche, cimitory, or other lyke halowed place for tuition of his lyfe, by occasion of any murder robbetye or other felony, by the same persone commytted, and therupon confessed any murder felony or other offence before a crowner: for the whiche the same person by the lawe of this realme afore ỹ tyme vsed, shulde abiure and passe out of this realme, shuld be directed by the crowner to take his abiuration to any one sayntuarie, beinge within this realme, which the same person wold electe and chose, there to remayne as a sayntuarie man abiured, durynge his natural lyfe. And if after suche abiuration, any person so abiured, came out of the same saynctuarie, to the whiche he was assigned, and be taken without the same sayntuary, not hauinge the kynges spetiall pardon or lycence so to do: that then euery suche persone abiured, and after abiuration taken without sayntuarie, whervnto he was assigned, shulde suffre lyke peyne of death, and after lyke maner shulde be ordered, as he shulde haue done and byden, in case he had abiured this realme for murder or felony, and after suche abiuration had returned agayn into this realme, contrary to the lawes of this lande. AND it was further ordeyned by the same acte, that if any suche sayntuary person so abiured, or any other person or personnes, whiche then were, or at any tyme after shuld happen to be in any saynctuarie of this realme for doinge of any pety treason murder or felony, or for beinge accessarie to any suche offences: or if any person or persons, whiche at any tyme after the makyng of the same acte, shulde take any saintuary of this realme for any pety treason murder or felony, or for being accessary to any suche offences, or vpon abiuration: and so being in sainctuarie for any suche cause matter or offence, afterward cõmitte any pety treason murder or felony with in the same sainctuarie, or be accessarie to any suche offences, or goo oute of the same saynctuarye, and commytte any pety treason, murder, or felony, or be accessary to any suche offences, and afterward come agayn to the same sayntuarie, or take any other saynctuarie for the same: that euerye suche persone and personnes, beinge indited for any of the sayde causes or offences, shulde lose the priuilege of the sayntuary by hym taken, and of euery other sayntuarie within this realme for any suche cause of pety treason murder felony, or abiuration, or for any accessarye to any suche offences. AND it was further ordeyned by the same acte, that all foreyne plees, triable by the countrey, which shuld be pleded by any person or personnes arrayned

ned vpon any inditement for any pety treason, murder, or felony, shulde be tried before the same Justices, afore whom suche persones shulde be arrayned, and by the same iurrours of the countie, that shal trie the pety treason murder or felony, without any further respite or delay. And that no persone arrayned for any pety treason, murder, or felony shulde be admytted to any paremptorie challenge aboue the noumbre of. xx. whiche acte was made to endure to the ende of the next parlyament, as by the said act amõges dyuers clauses and prouisions conteyned in the same more playnely is expressed.

¶ And where also in the same parlyament it was enacted, that no persone or persons, whiche shulde happen to be founde gyltie after the lawes of this realme for any maner of petye treasone, or for any wylfulle murder of malyce prepensed, or for robbynge of any churches, chapelles, or other holye places, or for robbynge of any persone or persones in their dwellynge howses or dwellynge place, the owner or dweller in the sayde howse, his wyfe, his chylderne or seruauntes then beinge within, and put in feare and dreade by the same: Or for robbynge of any persone or persones in or nere aboute the hyghe wayes, or for wylfulle bournynge of any dwellynge houses or bernes, wherin any corne or grayne shall happen to be: nor that any person or persons beinge founde gyltie of any abbettement, procurement, helping, mayntaynynge, or counsaylynge of or to any suche pety treason, murders, or felonyes, shoulde be admytted to the benefyte of their clergie, (suche as be within holy orders, that is to say of the orders of subdeacon or aboue, all onely except) with many other clauses and prouisions conteyned in the sayd acte, as by the same acte more playnly appereth: whiche acte was also made to contynue and endure to the laste day of the next parlyament.

¶ AND where also in the same parliamente it was further enacted, that euery suche persone and persones, whiche shoulde happen to be indited of any pety treason, wylfull burnynge of houses, murder, robberie, or burgulary, or other felony, accordynge to the tenour and meanynge of the sayd estatute nexte aboue rehersed, and therupon arrayned, dydde stande muet of malyce or frowarde mynde, or challenge paremptorie aboue the noumbre of xx. or els wyll not answere directly to the same inditement and felony, wherupon they shall be arrayned: that then euery suche persone and persones shulde lose the benefitte and priuilege of theyr clergie.

¶ AND IT WAS ALSO ordeyned by the same acte, that if any persone or persones be endited and founde gyltie for stealynge of any goodes or cattelles, in anye countie of this realme, or beinge indited, stande muet of malyce, or chalenge peremptorie aboue the noumbre of. xx. persones, or wyll not aunswere directely to the lawe, shuld also lose the benefite of theyr clergie, in lyke maner and fourme as they shulde haue done, if they hadde be endyted, arrayned, and founde gyltie in the same countye, where the same robberie or burgularie was doone, if it shall appere to the Justyces by euydence or crampnation, that the sayde felons or robbers arrayned afore them, shulde or ought to haue lost theyr clergie by force of the sayde estatute,

in case they had be founde giltie of the same felonyes or burgularies in the same shyre where they were committed, as by the saide acte amonges other thynges more at large is expressed.

¶ AND where also in the sayd parlyament it was further ordeyned, that the detestable vice of buggery, committed with mankynde or beaste, shulde be felony, & that the offenders therin shuld lose the priuilege of their clergy: whiche acte was made to endure to the laste day of the nexte parlyamente, as by the same acte amongest other thynges it appereth more at large. For as moche as the sayde actes be beneficiall and profitable for the common welth of this realme, Be it therfore enacted by auctorite of this present parlyament, that the sayde actes, and euery of theym, and all clauses and prouisions conteyned in the same, shall stande in full strength and vertue, and frome henseforthe to continue and endure vnto the laste daye of the nexte parlyamente.

¶ AND be it also enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that suche as be within holy orders, shall from henseforth stande and be vnder the same peynes & daungers for the offences conteyned in any of the sayd statutes, and be vsed and ordered to al intentes and purposes, as other persones, not being within holy orders: Any prouision or exception specified in any of the sayd actes, or any other vsage or custome of this realme to the contrary therof not withstandynge. This acte to endure vnto the laste day of the next parlyamente.

An acte for continuing of two statutes made in the laste parlyament touchynge suche as go away with caskettes, iewels, goodes, or plate of their maisters. Ca. ii.

WHERE IN THE LASTE parlyament, begõne and holden at London, the thyrd day of Nouembre, in the .xxi. yere of the kynges moste gracious reigne, and from thens adiourned to westñ, & there holden & continued by diuers prorogations vnto the dissolutiõ therof, it was ordeined & enacted amonges other thynges, that if any seruantes, to whõ any caskettes iewels money goodes or cattels shuld be delyuered to kepe by his or their maysters or maistresses, do goo awaye with the sayde caskettes, iewelles, money, goodes, or cattals, or any parte therof, to the intente to steale the same, and defraude his or their sayd maister or maystresse therof, contrary to the trust and confidence to hym or them put by his or their sayde maisters or maistresses: Or els beinge in seruyce withoute assente or commaundemente of his sayde mayster or maystresse embesile the caskettes, iewelles, moneye, goodes, or cattalles of his sayde mayster or maystresse, or anye parte thereof, or other wyse conuerte the same to his owne vse, with lyke pourpose to steale, than if the sayde caskettes, iewelles, moneye, goodes, or cattelles, that any suche seruaunte shall goo awaye with, or whiche he shall embesyle with purpose to steale hit,

(as is afore sayde) be of the value of .xl.s. or aboue: that than the same fals fraudulent and vntrewe acte and demeanour shuld from hens forthe be demed and adiudged felony. And that he or they soo offendynge, shulde be punyshed, as other felons be punyshed for felonye commytted, by course of the common lawe, whiche act was then made to endure to the next parlyament. ¶ And where also in an other acte made in the sayd parliament, it was enacted, that if any seruant for the tyme beinge in seruice with any persone or persones, happen to steale, or felonously take away any iewels money plate or other goodes or cattalles of his maister or maistresse: or if any seruant, to whom any caskette iewels money goodes or cattalles were delyuered by his mayster or maistresse, and goo awaye with the sayd casket money goodes or cattalles, or any parte thereof, contrarye to the truste and confidence to hym or theym putte: or without the assente or commaundemente of his sayde mayster or maystresse embesile any caskette, iewelles, money, goodes, or cattalles, or any parte therof, or otherwise conuerte the same to his owne vse, with purpose to steale it, if the sayd caskette money, iewels, goodes, or other cattelles, be of the value of .xl.s. or aboue: that then the offendour in suche case shulde lose the benefyte of his clergie, and the priuilege of al saintuaries, as by the sayd seuerall actes more playnly appereth. For as moche as the sayd actes ben thought necessarie for the cõmon welth of this realme, Be it therfore enacted by auctorytie of this present parlyament, that the same actes, and euery of them, and all and euery clause article and prouiso therin conteyned, shal from hensforth stand good & endure and contynue for euer.

¶ An act gyuynge the kynges highnes auctoritie newely to allotte the townesshyppes in the shyres and marches of wales, at any tyme within. iii. yeres next ensuing. Cap. iii.

Where in the parlyament begon and holden at London, the. iii. day of Nouembre, in the .xxi. yere of the reigne of our most dread soueraygne lorde kynge Henry the. viii. and from thens adiourned to westm̃, and there holden and continued by dyuers prorogations vnto the .iiii. day of Februarie, in the .xxvii. yere of the reigne of our said soueraygne lorde, and then and there holden and cõtinued vnto the dissolution therof, one acte and ordinaunce was made in the session of the sayde parlyament, holden the sayde .iiii. day of Februarie, wherby amonges other thynges dyuers shyres and counties were newely made and named within the dominion and principalytie of wales, and dyuers townes parysshes lordeshyppes commotis and cantredes within the sayde dominion and principalitie, were allotted appoynted and limitted to the saide seuerall shires and counties, as by the same acte more playnely and particularly amonges other thynges appereth. And for as moche as by credable informacyon hit is commen to the kynges knowledge sythen the makynge of the sayde acte, that somme lordeshyppes, townes, parysshes, commotis

motes, hundredes, and cantredes, be not indifferently allotted and lymitted to the sheres named in the sayde acte, for the commoditie of the kynges subiectes therin inhabyted: Be it therfore enacted by auctoritie of this present parlyament, that the kynges hyghnes (during the tyme of thre yeres next after the ende of this present parlyament (shall haue power and auctoritie, by writynge vnder his great seale, to allotte appoynte assigne and lymytte to euery of the sheres named in the sayde act, suche and so many lordshyps townes parisshes hamlettes hundredes commotes and cantredes, as his mateslie by his moste hyghe wysedom shal thynke most conuenient and agreable for the ease and commoditie of his louing subiectes the inhabitantes of his sayd dominion and principalitie. And shall lyke wyse haue power and auctoritie to name and assigne the shere townes in euery of the sayde sheres named in the sayd acte. And that euery suche lymitation apoyntment nomination and assignement to be made by the kynges hyghnes, in that behalfe, by auctoritie of this acte, shalbe as good and effectuall to all intentes and purposes, as thoughe it had ben done and made playnly and particularly by auctoritie of parliament: any thyng conteyned in the sayd act made in the laste parlyament, or any other thyng or thynges to the contrary therof not withstandynge.

An acte repellynge the statute lately made for the bryngynge in of doulas and lokerams. Capi. iiii.

WHere at the parliament holden at westminster the .iii. day of Nouembre, in the .XXI. yere of the reygne of our soueraygne lorde kynge HENRY the, VIII. amonges other thynges it was enacted and establyshed, that no personne nor personnes, englishe nor stranger, denisen or alien, from or after the feaste of saincte Myghell tharchaungell than nexte folowynge, shulde brynge or conuey, or cause to be cõueyed or brought by any maner of meanes into this realme of England, any lynnen clothe, called doulas or lokerams, onles euery hole pece of doulas conteyned in lengthe fyue score elles of assise, accompted to euery elle one inche of assise, and in bredth one yard of assise: And euery halfe pece fyfty elles in lengthe, and one yarde in bredth of like assise, and all the hole pece and halfe pece of one goodnes in makynge. And also it was there enacted and establyshed, that euery holle pece of lockerams shulde be of like length, as the hole pece of doulas: and euery halfe pece of lockerams shulde be of lykelengthe as the halfe pece of doulas: and euery suche hole pece and halfe pece of lockerams to be in bredth a hole yarde, lackynge a naple of the yarde: and euery pece and halfe pece to be in lyke goodnes by all the length of the same pece, vpon peyne of forfayture of the same doulas and lockerams so to be brought or conueyed into this realme, not conteynyng the ful length bredth and goodnes, or the value therof, as in the same statute more playnly at large dothe appere. Sythens the makynge of which act a great

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nombze of the kynges ſubiectes, that is to ſay weauers, tuckers, ſpynners, dyers, and wulpikers, and many others haue ben ydel and without woꝛke, to their great impouerysshynge, whiche moze and moze is lyke dayly to encreace, if remedye be not pꝛouided, foꝛ as moche as the clothemakers, whiche befoꝛe the makynge of the ſayde acte, were wonte to conuey their ſaide clothes into Britayne, where the ſaide lynnen clothe called doulas and lockerams is made, and frome thens to bꝛynge with theym the ſayde lynnen clothe called doulas and lockeram, whiche they cannot doo ſythens the makynge of the ſaid acte, without daunger and foꝛfaiture of the ſaid lynnen clothe, by reaſon that there ſhall no engliſhe man be ſuffered to carye oꝛ conuey any of the ſayd clothes, called doulas oꝛ lockerams, frome the parties of beyonde the ſee into this realme, of the length conteyned in the ſayd act: whiche wyl make the ſayd cloth makers to leaue the makyng of their cloth, to the greatte and manyfolde perylles of the kynges ſubiectes: Be it therfoꝛe enacted by the kynge our ſoueraygne loꝛde, with the aſſent of the loꝛdes ſpiritualll and tempoꝛall, and the commons in this pꝛeſent parlyament aſſembled, and by the auctoꝛytie of the ſame, that the ſayde acte, made in the ſayde. xxi. yere, be to al intentes purpoſes and conſtructions in the lawe made vtterly voyde and of none effecte, as if the ſayde acte had neuer bene had noꝛ made. Neuertheles to the entent that the dyers of the ſayd lynnen clothes, ſhall not at any tyme hereafter be decеyued by the length of the ſaid clothes, Be it therfoꝛe enacted by the auctoꝛitie afoꝛeſaid, that after the feeſt of ſaynct Myghell tharchaungell nexte commynge, no maner of perſone engliſhe noꝛ ſtraunger, denyſen noꝛ alyen, putte to ſale any hoole pece oꝛ halfe pece of the ſayde lynnen clothe, called doulas and lockerams, onles there be mention expꝛeſſed vppon euery of the ſayde hole pece oꝛ halfe pece of the ſayd lynnen clothe called doulas oꝛ lockeram, ſo putte to ſaale, as is afoꝛeſayde, the hoole and entier noumbze of the yardes oꝛ elles, that is conteyned in euery ſuche holle piece oꝛ halfe piece, vppon peyne of foꝛfayture of the ſame holle piece oꝛ halfe piece, not conteynynge the noumbze of yardes oꝛ elles ſoo mencioned vppon euery of the ſaide hole peece oꝛ halfe pece, ſoo putte to ſale as is afoꝛeſayde: The one halfe of euery ſuche foꝛfayture to be to the kynge our ſoueraygne loꝛde, and the other halfe to hym that ſhall ſeaſe and wyll ſue foꝛ the ſame by action of dette, byll, playnt, infoꝛmation, oꝛ other wyſe: in whiche action, ſuyte, oꝛ infoꝛmation, no waget of lawe noꝛ eſſoyne ſhall be admytted oꝛ allowed.

Prouyded alwayes, that this acte oꝛ any thynge therin conteyned, be not pꝛeiudiciall ne hurtefull to any perſon oꝛ perſones, that befoꝛe the fyꝛſt day of this parlyament hath made any ſeaſet oꝛ puttyn any infourmation into any of the kynges courtes foꝛ any maner of foꝛfayture done oꝛ commytted by any perſon oꝛ perſones, contrary to the ſayd eſtatute, made the ſaid third day of Nouembze, the. xxi. yere of the reigne of our ſouerayne loꝛde kynge Henry the eyght.

¶ An acte for auoydynge of exactions taken vpon prentices in the cities boroughes and townes corporate. Cap. v.

Where in the parliament begōne at London the thirde daye of Nouembre, in the. xxi. yere of the reygne of our most dradde soueraygne lorde kynge Henry the. viii. and from thens adiourned and proroged vnto westminster, the. xvi. day of Ianuary, in the. xxii. yere of the reygne of our sayde soueraine lorde, and there then also holden, It was & is resyted, That where before that time it was establyshed and enacted in the. xix. yere of our late soueraygne lorde kynge Henry the. vii. that no mayster wardeyns and felowshyppe of craftes, or any of them, nor any rulers of the guyldes or fraternities shulde take vpon them to make any actes or ordinaunces, ne to execute any actes or ordinaunces by them before that tyme made or then here after to be made, in disheritance or diminuciō of the prerogatiue of the king, nor of other, nor ageynste the common profitte of the people: but if the same actes or ordinaunces were examined or approued by the chauncellour treasorer of England, or chefe iustice of eyther bench, or. iii. of them, or before ye Iustices of assise in theyr circuit or progresse in the shire where such actes or ordinances be made, vpon peyne of forfayture of. xl. li. for euery tyme that they do the contrary, as more playnly in the said acte dothe appere. Sythe which time diuers wardens and felowships haue made actes and ordynances, that euery prentice shuld paye at his fyrst entre in theyr cōmon halle to the wardens of the same felowshyp, somme of them. xl. s. some. xxx. s. some xx. s. some. xiii. s. iiii. d. some. vi. s. viii. d. some. iii. s. iiii. d. after theyr own sinistre myndes and plesure, contrary to the meanyng of the sayde acte, made in the said. xix. yere of the reygne of the said late kynge Henry the. vii. and to the great hurt of the kynges true subiectes, puttynge theyr chyldren to be prentise, It was therfore in the sayd parliament, holden at westminster in the sayd. xxii. yere of the reigne of kynge Henry the. viii. establyshed and enacted by the kynge our soueraygne lorde, by thaduise of his lordes spiritual and temporall, and of the cōmons in the same parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that noo mayster wardeyns or felowshyppes of craftes, or maisters or any of them, nor any rulers of fraternities shulde take from thēsforth of any prentice or of any other person or persons for the entree of any prentice into theyr said felowshyp, aboue the some of. ii. s. vi. d. nor for his entree whan his yeres and terme is expired and ended, aboue. iii. s. iiii. d. vppon peyne of forfayture of. xl. li. for euery tyme that they do to the contrary, the one halfe to the kynge our soueraygne lorde, and the other halfe to the partie that therfore shal sue by action of dette information or other wise, and that in the action aforesayde no protection or essoyne shal be allowed: As by the same acte amonges other thynges therin conteyned more playnely maye appere. Sythen whiche sayde seuerall actes establyshed and made (as is afore sayde) dyuers maysters wardeynes and

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felowshyppes of craftes, haue by cautell and subtyll meanes compassed and practysed to defraude and delude the sayde good and holsome statutes, causynge dyuers prentyces or ponge men immediatly after their yeres be expyred, or that they be made fre of their occupation or felowshyppe, to be swome vppon the holy Euangelyst at their fyrst entre, that they ne any of them after their yeres or terme expired, shall not sette vp or open any shoppe house nor sellar, nor occupie as freemen, without the assent and lycence of the mayster wardens or felowshyppes of their occupations, vpon peyne of forfaytynge their freedome, or other lyke penalitie. By reason wherof the sayd prentyses and iourney men be put to asmoche or more charges therby then they before tyme were put vnto for the obtaynyng and enteryng of their freedome, to the great hurte and impouerysshement of the sayd prentyses, and iourney men, and other their frendes. For remedy wherof be it nowe, by the auctorite of this present parlyament establysshed, ordeyned, and enacted, that no mayster wardens or felowshyppes of craftes, nor any of them, nor any rulers of fraternities gyldes or brotherhedes from henseforth cõpell or cause any prentyce or iourneyman by othe or bond heretofore made or hereafter to be made, or otherwyse, that he after his apprentyshyp or terme expired, shall not sette vp nor kepe any shoppe house or sellar, nor occupie as a free man without licence of the mayster wardeynes or felowshyp of his or they occupation, for and concernynge the same, nor by any meane exact or take of any suche prentice or iourneymen, nor any other occupienge for them selfe, nor of any other persones for them, after his or they sayde yeres expired, any somme of money or other thynges for or concernynge his or they fredome or occupation, other wyse or in any other maner then before is recited lymitted and appointed in the sayd former acte, made in the sayd. xxii. yere of the reigne of kynge Henry the. viii. vpon the peyne to forfayte for euery tyme that they or any of them shal offende contrary to this act. xl. li. The one halfe therof to the kyng our souerayne lorde, and the other halfe to the partie that wyll sue for the same in any of the kynges courtes, by action of dette, information, or otherwyse: in whiche suite or action no protection nor essoyne shall be alowed for the partie defendaunt.

¶ An act for contynuance of the statutes for beggers and vacabundes, and agaynst conueyance of horses and mares out of this realme, agaynste Welshe men makynge affrayes in the counties of Herf. Glouc. and Salop, and agaynst the vice of buggery. Ca. vi.

WHere in the parlyament begonne at London the thyrde day of Nouember, in the. xxi. yere of the reygne of our most drad souerayne lorde kynge Henry the. viii. and from thense adiourned to westminster, and there holden and contynued by prorogation vnto the. xvi. day of Januarye, in the. xxii. yere of our sayde souerayne lorde, it was then in that session of the sayde parlyament, an act made and establysshed, declaryng and concernynge aswell

as well howe aged, poore, and impotente persones, compellyd to lyue by almes shulde be ordered, as howe vacabundes and mighty stronge beggers shulde be whyppyd and punished: whiche act was then made to endure and contynue vntyl the laste day of the nexte parlyament. And where also in the sayde session of the sayde parlyament, one other acte was made for the restraynt of carienge and conueying of horses and mares out of this realme, whyche acte was also made to contynue and endure to the laste day of the nexte parlyament, as by the sayde two seueralle actes more playnly appereth. And where also at the sayd parlyament contynued and proroged vnto the thirde day of Nouembre, in the .xxvi. yere of the reygne of our sayde soueraygne lorde, it was then in that session of the sayde parlyament an other acte made and establyshed, for punyshement of wilfulmen, attempting assaultes or affrayes vppon any the inhabytantes of Herefordе, Glouceſtre, or Shropshyre, whyche acte was also made to endure to the laste day of the nexte parlyament, as by the sayde acte more playnely appereth. And where also in the sayde parlyament, contynued and proroged vnto the .xv. daye of January, in the .xxv. yere of our sayd soueraigne lorde, it was then in that session of the sayd parlyament one other acte made and establyshed for punyshement of the vyce of buggery, declaryng suche offence to be felony, whiche act was then also made to endure to the last day of the next parlyament, as by the sayd acte more playnely appereth. For as moche as the sayde .iiii. seueralle actes be benefycyall and profytable for the common weale of this realme, Be it therfore enacted by auctorytie of this present parliament, that the sayd .iiii. actes and euery of them, and all clauses, artycles, and prouysions therin conteyned, shall from hensforthe be obserued and kepte, and contynue and endure vnto the laste day of the nexte parlyament.

¶ An acte for the establyshement of the succession of the imperiall crowne of this realme. Capit. vii.

IN THEYR MOST HVMBLE wyse shewen to your moste royall mateſtie, the lordes spirituall and temporal, and all other your most louyng & obedient subiectes, the comens in this your moste hygh court of parlyament assembled, that where in your last parliament, begon and holden at London the thirde day of Nouembre, in the .xxi. yere of your moost gracious reigne, and from thens adiorned to Westm, and there holden and continued by diuers & sondry prorogatiõs vnto the .xv. day of January, in the .xxv. yere of your most noble reigne, & than there holden, It was made & deuysed an acte concernynge amonges many thinges as well for ratyfycation and confyrmation of your marryage, than hadde and solempnyzed betwene your highneſſe and the late lady Anne Bolleyne Marques of Penbroke, as for the limitation of the succession of your imperial crowne of this realme, to the issue of your body begoten and to be begoten of the body of the

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said lady Anne, with dyuers remaynders ouer for defaute of suche issue, as in the said acte plainly and particularly more at large is expressed and mencioned. And where also by the sayd acte it was ordeyned and establysshed, that all and singular your subiectes shuld take a corporall othe for the fulfyllynge, maynteynynge, and defendynge, the hole effectes and contentes of the sayde acte. And it was further ordeyned by the sayde acte amonges other thinges, that if any persone or persons subiecte or resiant within this realme, or within any your gracis dominions, after the fyrst daye of Maye than nexte ensewynge, by wrytynge, printe, dede, or acte procured or dyd, or caused to be procured or done any thynge or thinges to the preiudice, sclander, disturbance, or derogation of the sayd matrimonie, solemnised betwene your maiestie and the sayde lady Anne, or to the peryll, sclander, or disheryson of any the issues and heires of your hyghnesse, beinge lymytted by the same act to inherite and to be inheritable to the crowne of this realme, wherby any suche issues or heires of your hyghnes myghte be distroyed, disturbed, or interrupted in body or title of inheritaunce to the crowne of the realme, as to them is limytted in the same acte: that thenne euery suche person and persones, and theyr aidours, counsaylours, maynteynours, and abettours, and euery of theym, for euery suche offence, shoulde be adiudged hygh traitours, and that euery suche offence shulde be adiuged highe treasone. And the offendours and theyr aydours, counsaylours, maynteynours, and abettours, and euery of theym, beinge laufully conuicte of suche offence by presentment, verdicte, confession, or processe, accordynge to the customes and lawes of this realme, shoulde suffre peynes of deathe, as in cases of hyghe treasone: as in the sayde acte amonges manye other artycles, clawses, and prouysyons, is more atte large mencioned and specyfied. AND also in the sayde parlyamente holden at Westminster by prorogation in the thyrde day of Nouembre, in the.xxvi. yere of your most noble reygne, an nother acte was made for declaration and ratifycation of the sayd othe, whiche dyuers of your subiectes then had taken, and all your subiectes after that were bounde to take for due obseruation of the sayde acte of the sayde Succession, as by the same acte amonges other thynges is also specyfied and expressed. And all be it mooste dradde soueraygne lorde, that the sayde actes were then made, as it was then thought by your maiestie nobles and commons, vpon a pure perfyte and clere foundation, thynkynge the sayde mariage then had betwene your highnes and the sayd lady Anne in their consciences to haue bene pure syncere perfite and good, and so was reputed, accepted, and taken in the realme, tyll nowe of late, that god of his infinite goodnes (frome whome no secrete thynges canne be hydde) hath caused to be brought to lyghte euident and open knowledge, as welle certayne, iuste, trewe, and lawfulle impedymentes vnknowen at the makynge of the sayde actes, and sythen that tyme confessed by the sayde ladye Anne, before the mooste reuerende father in god Thomas Archebysshoppe of Canturburye, Metropolytane and prymate of all Englande, syttynge

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iudicially for the same: by ꝑ whiche playnly appereth, that the sayd mariage betwene your grace and the sayd lady Anne, was neuer good nor consonant to the lawes, but vtterly voyde and of none effecte. By reason wherof your highnes was and is lawfully deuorced and seperated from the bondis of the said mariage in the syde of the sayd lady Anne. And this not withstandyng moste gratious souerayne lorde the lady Elysabeth your doughter, beinge borne vnder the said vnlawful mariage, by vertue and auctorite of the acte of your succession aboue remembred, for lacke of heires males of your body, shulde immediatly succede as your lawfull heire in the moste royall estate of your imperiall crowne of this realme, apenste all honour equitie reason and good conscience, if remedy shuld not be prouided for the same. And ouer this moste dredde souerayne lorde, al be it that your mateste not knowyng of any lawful impedimentis, entered into the bondes of the said vnlawful mariage, & auanced the same lady Anne to the honour of the souerayn estate of quene of this realme: yet neuertheles she inflamed with pride and carnall desires of her body, puttynge aparte the drede of god and excellent benefytes receiued of your highnes, confederated her selfe with George Bolcyne late lorde Rochefordе, her natural brother, Henry Norreis esquier, Fraunces Weston knyght, Wyllyam Brereton esquyer, gentyll men of your priuie chaumbre, and Marke Smeton Grome of your sayd priuie chambre, and so being cõfederate, she and they moste trayterously cõmitted and perpetrated dyuers detestable & abhominable treasons, to the moste fearefull peryl and danger of the distruction of your most royal person, and to the vtter losse disherison and desolation of this realme, if god of his goodnes hadde not in due tyme brought their sayde treasons to lyght: for the which being playnly & manifestly proued, they were conuicte and attaynted by the due course and order of your common lawes of this realme, and haue suffred accordyng to their merytes, as by the recordes therof more at large may appere.

¶ AND all be it moste gratious and moste dred souerayn lord diuers and sondry honourable iust true and reasonable clauses be conteyned and expressed in the said act, made for the establishement of your succession, whiche be very necessary and profitable for the cõmon welth of this realme: yet neuer the les bicause certayn articles & clauses conteyned in the same, concernyng the ratification of your sayd vnlawfull mariage, betwene your highnes and the sayde lady Anne, and the ymmittation of your succession to the issues of your body had by the sayd lady Anne, and the othe expressed and mencioned in bothe the actes aboue remembred for the defendyng and mayntenyng the holle effectes and contentes of the sayde acte, whyche clauses and artycles be nowe become of late soo dishonourable, and so farre distaunt from the due course of your common lawes of your realme, and also so moche apenste good reason equitie and good conscience, that they can not be sustayned nor tollerated to continue and endure wythout great peryll of diuision hereafter to be had by occasion of the same amonges vs your faithe moste humble louing and obedient subiectis and our posterities. It may therfore

pleaſe your highnes of your moſt excellent and accuſtomable goodnes, and for the entier loue fauour & harty affection, that your mateſtie hath alwayes borne and beareth to the common welth of this your realme, and for the cõſeruation of the good peace vnitie and reſte of vs your moſte bounden and obedient ſubiectes, and of our ſayde poſterities, that it maye be enacted by auctoritie of this preſent parlyament, that the ſayd two actes and euery of them, and al clauſes articles and prouiſions therin conteyned, from the firſt day of this preſent parlyament, ſhall be repealed, abnulled, and made fruſtrate, and of none effecte.

PROVIDED alway that the ſaid repeale and abnullation of the ſaid acte, whiche was made for the eſtablyſſhement of your ſucceſſion, ſhall nat be taken expounded nor vnderſtande to diſcharge any perſone or perſones, whiche haue done or commytted any offences of treſon or miſpriſion of treſon, contrarie to the ſame acte, or any part therof at any tyme afore the firſt daye of this preſente parlyamente: but that ſuche offences of treaſon and myſpriſion of treaſone, doone and committed by any perſonne or perſonnes contrarye to the ſame acte, afore the fyrſte daye of this preſent parlyament, ſhall be and remayne in the ſame degree and qualitie to be punyſſhed by auctorite of the ſame acte, as if the ſame acte hadde not bene repealed: the repeale and abnullation of the ſame acte by auctoritie of this preſente parlyament in any wyſe not withſtandynge. Neuertheles the kynges moſt ropall mateſtie, mooſte gratiouſely conſyderynge, that dyuers and many of his mooſte louynge and obediente ſubiectis nowe lately afore the begynnynge of this preſente parlyamente, haue ſpoken, doone, practyſed, procured, and attempted, as well by wordes wrytynge and pryntynge, as by exterior actes, not onely ayenſte the ſayde vnlaufull mariage, ſolempnyſed betwene his highneſſe and the ſayde lady Anne, and to the preiudice ſclaunder diſturbance and derogation therof, but alſo to the peril ſclander and dyſheriſon of the ladye Elyſabeth the kynges doughter illegyttimate borne vnder the ſame mariage, and to the let diſturbance and interruption of the ſayd lady Eliſabeth to the title of the crowne: and alſo to depriue the ſaid lady Anne late queene, and the ſayd lady Eliſabeth, and euery of them, of their dignitie title and name of their ropall eſtates, contrary to the tenours purporres prouyſions and ordinances, as well conteyned in the ſayd acte made in the laſt parlyament for the eſtablyſhement of the kynges ſucceſſion, as in an other acte made in the laſt parliament for puniſhement of treaſons. Which wordes doinges practyſes procurementes and attemptes of his ſayd ſubiectes, all be it they proceded of no malyce, but vpon true and iuſte groundes, for punyſhement of the ſayd late lady Anne, accordyng to her diſertes, and for reformation of the ſayd vnlaufull mariage, for the ſuretie of the kynges highneſſe, and for the vnitie and welth of his realme: Yet neuer the les the kinges ſaid ſubiectes mought hereafter happen to be empeched troubled and vexed for ſuch their wordes doinges actes procurementes and attemptes, as well by reaſon of the ſayd eſtatute, made for the

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eſtablyſhement of the kynges ſucceſſion, and nowe repealed by this acte, as by occaſiō of other ſtatutes hertofore made for punyſhment of treaſon and miſpriſion of treaſon, to the greatte daunger and perylles of the lyues londes and goodes of the kynges ſayd ſubiectes, whiche onely for harty good wyll and faythfull obedience, that they beare to the kynges maieſtie incurred into the ſayd dangers and perilles: The kynges highnes therfore of his moſte bountifull mercy and benignitie is pleaſed and contented, that it be enacted by auctoritie of this preſent parlyament, that all and ſyngular his louynge ſubiectes, whiche haue ſpoken done practiſed commytted or attempted, or procured to be done or attempted directely or indirectely, by wordes writinges printes, or any exteriot acte, any thinge or thinges what ſoo euer it be, apenſte the ſayde mariage, ſolempniſed betwene his highnes and the ſayde late Quene Anne, or for the ſettinge forth or preferremente of the deuorce or diſſolution therof: Or apenſte the ſayde late quene Anne or the ſayd lady Elizabeth, or to any of theyr ſklanders perilles or diſherſons: or haue wyſhed wylled or deſired by wordes or writinges, or inuēted imagined practiſed or attempted any bodily harme to the ſayd late quene Anne or lady Elyzabeth, or to depriue the ſame late quene Anne, or lady Elizabethe, or any of them, of the dignitie title or name of theyr royall eſtates, or haue ſpoken done or procured to be done any other wordes writtinges printinges wiſhing wyllinge, thynge or thynges, acte or actes apenſte the ſayd late quene Anne or lady Elizabeth, whiche is or mought be demed or interpreted for treaſon, or miſpriſion of treaſon by any conſtruction vppon any of the ſtatutes of this realme here to fore made, ſhall be freely and clerely pardoned diſcharged and releaſed by auctoritie of this acte of al thoſe and ſuche treaſons and miſpryſions of treaſons aboue mencioned. And that none of his ſayde louynge ſubiectes for any of the ſayde treaſons or myſpryſions of treaſon aboue mencioned and ſpecified, ſhal here after at any tyme, by any maner of menes, be empeched vexed or troubled in their bodies lyues landes goodes or cattalles, any thynge in this acte, or in any acte or actes here to fore made for treaſons, or myſpriſions of treaſonne, to the contrary therof not withſtandynge.

¶ AND THAT it be further enacted by auctoritie afore ſayde, that the ſayd late quene Anne, George Bolein, late lorde Rochford, Henry Norreis eſquier, Fraunces Weſton knyght, Wyllian Brereton eſquier, and Marke Smeton, for their abhominable and deteſtable treſons, by them and euery of theym mooſte abhominably and trayterouſly commytted and done apenſt your maieſtie and the realme, ſhall be by auctoritie of this preſente parlyament conuicted and attaynted of hyghe treaſon, in ſuche maner and fourme, and accordyngely as they be, by the due courſe and order of your lawes of this realme. And that the ſayde late Quene Anne, George lorde Rochford, Henry Norreis, Fraunces Weſton, Wyllyam Brereton, and Marke Smeton, & euery of them, ſhall loſe & forfayte to your highnes and to your heires, al ſuche theyr manours, meaſes, landes, tenementes, rentes,

reuerſyons, remaynders, vſes, poſſeſſions, offyces, ryghtes, condycions, and all other hereditamentes, of what names natures or qualities ſoo euer they be, whiche they or any of them, or any other to theyr vſes, or to the vſe of any of them had or ought to haue had of any eſtate of enheritaunce in fee ſymple or in taple, in vſe or poſſeſſion at the dayes of theyr ſeuerall treaſons commytted limitted and expreſſed in theyr indytement, or at any tyme after. Sauynge to euery perſone and perſones and bodyes polytike, and to the heires aſſignes and ſucceſſours of euery of them (other than to the ſayd late Quene Anne, and the other traytours afore named, and theyr heires and aſſignes of euery of them, and all and euery other perſone and perſons claymynge by them, or any of them, or to theyr vſes, or to the vſes of any of them, or to the vſe of any of their heires) all ſuche ryght tytle vſe poſſeſſion intereſt condition fees offices rentes annuities commens, and all other cõmodities and hereditamentes, what ſo euer they or any of theym mought ſhulde or ought to haue had, if this acte had neuer ben had ne made.

¶ And ouer this moſte gracious ſoueraygne lorde, for as moche as it hath pleaſed your mooſte royall maieſtie, notwithſtandynge the great and intollerable perils and occaſions, whiche your hyghnes hath ſuffered and ſuſteined, as well by occaſion of your fyrſte vnlaufull mariage ſolempniſed betwene your hyghnes and the lady Katheryne, late princes dowager, as by occaſion of the ſayd vnlaufull mariage betwene your hyghnes and the ſaid late quene Anne, at the moſte humble petition and interceſſion of vs your nobles of this realme, for the ardent loue and feruent affection, whiche your highnes bereth to the conſeruation of the peace and vnitie of the ſame, and for the good and quiete gouernaunce therof, of your mooſt excellente goodnes to entre in to mariage agayn, and haue choſen and taken a ryght noble vertuous and excellent lady quene Jane to your trewe and lawfull wyfe, and haue laufully celebrated and ſolempniſed mariage with her, accordyng to the lawes of holy churche: who for her conuenient yeres, excellent beautie, and pureneſſe of fleſhe and bloudde, is apte (god willynge) to conceyue iſſue by your hyghnes: whiche mariage is ſoo pure and ſyncere, without ſpotte doubte or impediment, that the iſſue procreated vnder the ſame, when it ſhall pleaſe all myghty god to ſende it, canne not be laufully trewely nor iuſtly interrupted or diſturbed of the ryght and title in the ſucceſſion of your crowne: It may therfore nowe pleaſe your mooſt gratyous maieſtye, at the mooſte humble petition and interceſſion of vs your nobles and cõmens, aſſembled in this preſente parlyamente, as well for the clere extyngupſhement of all ambiguyties and doubtes, as for a pure and perfecte vnytie of vs your mooſte humble and obedient ſubiectes, and of all our poſterities, that it may be enacted by your mooſte gracious and royall maieſtye, by conſente of vs the lordes ſpyrituall and temporalle, and the commons in this preſente parlyament aſſembled, and by auctorytie of the ſame, in maner and fourme as hereafter in articles enſueth.

¶ FYRST FOR AS MOCHE as the mariage heretofore ſolempniſed

nised betwene your highnes and the sayde lady Katharine, late princes dowager deceased, whiche afore was laufull wyfe to your naturall brother prince Arthur, and by him carnally knowen, as hath duely bene proued by sufficient witnesses, at all times was is and ought to be demed and determined, to be ayenst the lawes of almyghty god, and not dispensable by any humayne auctoritie, and so hath be demed and determined, as wel by the hole clergie of this realme, in bothe conuocations, and by bothe the vniuersities therof, as by the vniuersities of Bonony, Padua, Paris, Orleaunce, Tolowes, Angiew, and dyuers other, and also by a gret nombre of priuate wytynges of many ryght excellent well lerned men: BE IT therfore enacted by auctoritie of this present parlyament, accordyng as it was ordeyned and enacted in the sayd acte made in the laste parliament for the establyshement of your succession, that the sayde maryage heretofore had and solempnised betwene your highnes and the sayde lady Katharine, which was before laufull wyfe to the sayde prince Arthur your elder brother, and by hym carnally knowen, as dothe duely appere by sufficient proue in a lauful processe had and made before the sayde moste reuerend father in god Thomas, by the sufferaunce of god archebyshoppe of Caunturbury, Metropolitane and primate of all Englande, shall be by auctoritie of this present parliamente diffinitiuely clerely and absolutely declared demed and adiudged to be ayenste the lawes of all myghty god, and also accepted reputed and taken of no value ne effecte, but vtterly voyde and adnichtied: And that the seperatyon therof made by the sayde archebyshoppe shall be good and effectual to al intentes and purposes, any lycence, dispensation, or any other acte or actes goinge before or ensuinge the same, or to the contrary therof in any wise not withstandynge. And that euery suche lycence, dispensation, acte or actes, thinge or thynges, had made done or to be done to the contrary therof, shall be to all intentes voyde and of none effecte, and soo shall be reputed and taken by and amonges all vs your true subiectes and inhabitauntes, our heires and successours of and in your realme and dominions for euer. And that the issue borne and procreated vnder the same vnlaufull mariage, made and solempnised betwene your highnes and the sayd lady Katharine, shall be taken demed and accepted illegitimate to all intentes & purposes, and shal be vtterly forclosed excluded and barred to clayme chalenge or demaunde any inheritance as laufull heire to your highnes by lineall discent.

AND ALSO for as moche as the mariage solempnised betwene your hyghnes and the sayde late quene Anne vppon trewe and iustcauses was & is demed and adiudged by the sayde most reuerende father, to be of no value ne effecte, and a deuorce and seperation therof had & made by the due order and processe of the lawes of the churche of Englande, before the sayde reuerende father, Be it therfore enacted, by the auctoritie of this presente parlyament that the same mariage betwene your highnes and the said late quene Anne, shalbe taken reputed demed & adiudged to be of no force strēgth vertu

not effecte: and that the separation and deuorce ther of hadde by the sentence and iugement of the said most reuerende father, shal be good and effectual, and soo hereafter shall be taken and reputed for euer by all your subiectes, their heires and successours. And that none appeale repeale reuocation or annullation therof, or any parte of the same, shall hereafter be hadde taken allowed or admytted in any behalfe. And that all the issues and chylderne borne and procreated vnder the same mariage betwene your highnesse and the sayde late quene Anne, shall be taken reputed and accepted to be illegitimate to all intentes and purposes, and vtterly forclosed excluded and barred to clayme, chalenge, or demaunde any inheritaunce as lawfull heyre or heires to your highnes by lyniall discent, the sayde former acte made in the last parlyament, for the establysshement of your succession, or any thyng therin conteyned, or any other thynge or thinges to the contrarye therof in any wise not withstandynge.

¶ And further more syns many inconueniences haue fallen, as well within this realme as in others, by reason of maryeng within the degrees of mariage, prohibited by goddis lawes, that is to say, the sonne to marie the mother, or the stepmother carnally knowen by his father, the brother the syster, the father his sonnes daughter, or his daughters daughter: or the sonne to marie the daughter of his father procreate and borne by his stepmother: or the sonne to marie his aunte, beinge his fathers or mothers syster: or to marie his vncles wyfe carnally knowen by his vncle: or the father to marie his sonnes wyfe carnally knowen by his son: or the brother to marie his brothers wyfe carnally knowen by his brother: or any man maryed, & carnally knowynge his wyfe, to marie his wyfes daughter or his wyfes sons daughter, or his wifes daughters daughter, or his wifes sister.

¶ And further to dilate and declare the meanynge of these prohibitions, It is to be vnderstande, that if it chaunce any man to knowe carnally any woman, that then all and syngular persones, beinge in any degree of consanguinitie or affinitie, as is aboue written, to any of the parties so carnally offendynge, shall be demed and adiuged to be within the tales and symptes of the sayd prohibitions of mariage. All whiche mariages all be it they be playnly prohibite and detested by the lawes of god, yet neuer the les at some tymes they haue proceded vnder colours of dispensations by mans power, whiche is but vsurped, and of right ought not to be graunted admytted ne allowed. For no man, of what estate degree or condition so euer he be, hath power to dispense with goddis lawes, as all the clergie of this realme in the said conuocations, and the moste parte of all the vniuersities of christendome, and we also do affirme and thynke.

¶ BE IT therfore enacted by auctorite afore sayde, accordynge as it is declared and conteyned in the sayde acte, made in the last parliament for the establysshement of your succession, that no person or persons, subiectes or resiauntes of this realme, or in any your dominions, of what estate degree or dignitie so euer they be, shall from henceforth marie within the degrees afore

rehersed, what pretence so euer shall be made to the contrarye therof. And in case any person or persones, of what estate dignitie degree or condicion so euer they be, hath ben heretofore maried within this realme, or in any other the kynges dominions, within any the degrees aboue rehersed, and by any the archebyshoppes or ministers of the churche of England be seperat from the bondes of suche vnlaufull mariages: that then euery suche seperation shalbe good laufull firme & permanent for euer, & not by any power auctoritie or menes to be reuokid or vndone herafter. And ẏ the children proceding or procreate vnder suche vnlaufull mariage, shall not be laufull ne legittimate: any foreyne lawes lycences dispensations or other thyng or thynges to the contrarye therof not withstandynge. And that in case there be any personne or persones within this realme, or in any the kynges dominions all redy maried within any of the sayde degrees aboue specified, and not yet seperate from the bondis of suche vnlaufull mariage: that then euery suche personne, so vnlaufully maried, shall be seperate by the diffinitiue sentence, and iudgemente of the archebyshoppes, byshoppes, and other ministers of the churche of Englande, and in other your dominions, within the lymyttes of theyr iurisdictions and auctorities, and by none other power or auctoritie. And that al sentẽces and iugementes, gyuen and to be gyuen by any archebyshop byshop or other minyster of the church of Englande, or in any other the kynges dominions, within the limittes of theyr iurisdictions and auctoritie, shall be diffinitiue firme good and effectual to al intentes, and be obserued and obeyed, without suinge any prouocations, appeles, prohibitions, or other processe, from or to the courte of Rome, to the derogation therof, or contrary to the acte made sythen the begynnynge of the laste parlyament for restraynt of suche prouocations, appeles, prohibitions, and other processes.

¶ AND ALSO be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that all the issue here after to be had and procreate betwene your highnes and your sayd most dere and entierly beloued laufull wyfe Quene Jane, shall be your laufulle children and heires, and be enheritable and enherite, accordyng to the course of inheritance and lawes of this realme, the imperiall crowne of the same, with all dignyties, honours, preeminences, prerogatiues, auctorities, and iurisdictions to the same annexed or belonging, in as large & ample maner, as your highnes at this present tyme hath the same as kyng of this realme, the inheritance therof to be and remayne to your said children and right heires in maner and fourme as hereafter shall be declared, That is to say.

¶ FYRST the sayde imperiall crowne and other the premisses, shalbe to your maiestie and to your heires of your bodye laufully begoten, that is to saye, to the fyrste sonne of your bodye betwene your highnes and your sayd laufull wyfe quene Jane begoten, and to the heires of the body of the same fyrste sonne laufully begoten. And for defaute of suche heires, than to the seconde sonne of your body, and of the body of the sayde Quene Jane begoten, and to the heires of the body of the same second sonne laufully begoten.

as aforesayd: and so to euery sonne of your body and of the body of the sayd quene Jane begoten, and to the heires of the body of euery suche sonne begoten, accordynge to the course of inheritaunce in that behalfe. And if it shall happen your sayde moste dere and entierly beloued wife quene Jane to decease withoute issue male of the bodye of your bodye to be begoten (which god defende) then the same imperial crowne, and al other the premisses to be to your maiestie, as is aforesayde, and to the sonne and heire male of your body laufully begoten by any other lawfull wife, and to the heyres of the body of the same sonne and heire male laufully begote. And for defaut of suche issue, then to your seconde sonne of your body laufully begoten, and to the heires of the body of the same seconde sonne laufully begoten: and so from sonne and heire male, to sonne and heyre male, and to the heries of the seuerall bodyes of euery suche sonne and heire male lawfully begoten, accordynge to the course of inheritaunce, in lyke maner and fourme, as is aboue sayde.

¶ And for defaute of suche sonnes of your bodye laufully begoten: and of the heyres of the seuerall bodyes of euery suche sonne lawfully begoten, that then the sayde imperiall crowne, and other the premysses, shall be to the issue female betwene your maiestie and your sayde mooste dere and entierly beloued wife queene Jane begoten: And for lacke of suche issue, then to the heires females of your bodye lawfully begoten by any other laufull wyfe: that is to saye, Fyrste to the eldest issue female and to the heires of her bodye lawfully begoten, and soo from issue female to issue female, and to their heires of their bodyes one after an other by course of inherytance, accordynge to theyr ages, as the crowne of Englande hath benne accustomed and ought to succede and go, in case when there is heire female inheritable to the same.

¶ And for as moche as it standeth at this present tyme (in the onely pleasure and wyll of almyghty god, whether your maiestie shall haue heires begoten and procreated betwene your bodye and your said most dere and entierly beloued wyfe quene Jane, or els any lawfull heyres and issues hereafter of your owne body begoten by any other laufull wyfe, and if such heires shulde fayle (as god defende) and no prouision made in your lyfe, who shulde rule and gouerne this realme for lacke of suche heyres: that then this realme after your transitorie lyfe shall be destitute of a lawfull gouernour: Or elles parcase encombred with suche a persone, that wolde couet to aspire to the same, whome the subiectes of this realme shall not fynde in theyr hartes to loue drede and obediently serue as theyr soueraine lorde. And if your grace afore hit may be certaynely knowen, whether ye shall haue heyres or noo, shulde sodaynly name and declare any persone or persones to succede after your decease, and for lacke of heires of your body lawfully begoten, into the ropall estate of the imperiall crowne of this realme: thanne it is to be doubted, that suche person that shulde be so named mought happen to take great hart and courage, and by presumption fall to inobedience & rebellion,

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By occasion of whiche premisses great diuision and dissention maye be and is very lykely to arise and springe in this realme, to the great perill and distruction of vs poure moste humble and obediente subiectes, and of all oure posterities, if remedy for the same shulde not be prouided. For reformation and remedy wherof, we poure moste bounden and loupnge subiectes, moste obedientlye knowlegynge, that poure maiestie moste victoriously prudentlye politikely and indifferentely hath mayntayned defended gouerned and ruled this realme in good peace rest quietnes and obedience, durynge al the tyme of poure moste gracious reygne, whiche we moste hartely desire moughte continue for euer, puttynge all our holle truste and confidence in poure highnes, and nothynge doubtynge, but that poure maiestie, if ye shoulde fayle heires of poure body laufully begoten (which god defend) for the hartie loue and feruent affection, that ye beare to this realme, and for auoydynge all the occasions of diuision afore rehersed, so ernestly mindeth the welth of the same, that ye can beste and moste prudentlye prouide suche a gouernour for vs and this poure realme, as shall and wyll succede and folowe in the iuste and right trade of all poure procedynges, and maynteine kepe and defende the same, and all the lawes and ordynaunces establyshed in poure moste gratious tyme for the welth of this realme, which al we desire, wherby we poure said moste loupnge and obedient subiectes, and our heires and successours shal and may lyue, as nere as may be, in as good peace vnite & obedience after poure decesse, as we haue lyued in the tyme of poure moste gratious reigne, Do therfore moste humbly beseche poure highnes, that it may be enacted, for auoydyng of all ambiguities doubtes diuisions and occasions in that behalfe, by poure moste royall maiestie, by the assent of vs the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the cõmons in this poure present parliament assembled, and by auctorities of the same, that poure highnes shall haue full and plenar power and auctorities to gyue dispose appoynte assigne declare and limitte by poure letters patentes vnder poure great seale, or elles by poure laste wyll made in writinge, and signed with poure moste gratious hand, at poure onely plesure from tyme to tyme hereafter, the imperial crowne of this realme, and all other the premisses therunto belongynge, to be remayne succede and come after poure decease, and for lacke of lawfull heires of poure body to be procreated and begoten as is afore limitted by this acte, to suche persone or persons in possession and remainder, as shal please poure highnes, and accordynge to suche astate, and after such maner forme facion order and condicion, as shalbe expressed declared named and limitted in poure sayd letters patentes, or by poure sayd laste wylle. And we poure moste humble and obedient subiectes do faithefully promyse to poure maiestie by one cõmon assent, that after poure decease, and for lacke of heires of poure body laufully begoten, as is afore rehersed, we our heires and successours shall accepte and take, loue drede serue and alonely obey such person and persons males or females, as poure maiestie shal giue poure said imperial crowne vnto by auctorite of this acte, and to none other, and holly to stycke to them, as true and faithful subiectes

tectes ought to do to theyr regall rulers gouernours and supreme hedes.

¶ AND for sure corroboration therof, be it further enacted by auctoritie afore sayde, that suche person and persons, as to whom it shall please your maiestie to dispose limitte and assigne your sayde crowne, and other the premisses therto apperteynynge, by your letters patentes, or by your laste wil, as is afore sayde, shall haue and inioye the same after your decease, and for lacke of heires of your body laufully begoten, accordynge to suche astate, & after suche maner fourme facion order and condicion, as shall be therof expressed mentioned and conteyned in your sayde letters patentes, or in your sayd laste wyll, in as large and ample maner, as if such person and persons had be your laufull heires to the imperiall crowne of this realme, and as if the same crowne of this realme had be gyuen and limitted to them playnely and particularly by speciall names and sufficient termes and wordes by the full and immediat auctoritie of this your moste highe courte of parliament.

¶ And it is further enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that if any of your heires or childrē hereafter do vsurpe ẏ one of them vpō the other in the crowne of this realme, or claime or chalenge your said imperial crowne in any other forme or degre of discēt or successiō, then is afore limitted by this acte: Or if any ꝑson or persōs, to whom it shal plese your highnes of your most excellēt goodnes, by auctorite of this act to giue & dispose your said crowne & dignite of this realme, or ẏ heires of any of thē, do at any time hereafter demaūde chalēge or clayme your said crowne of this realme, otherwise or in any other course forme degree or conditiō, then ẏ same shalbe gyuē disposed & limitted vnto them by your highnes, by vertue & auctorite of this act. Or if any such ꝑson or persōs, to whō your maiestie shal hereafter giue or dispose your said crowne by auctoritie of this act, or any of their heires, do interrupt or let any of the heires of your maiestie, that is or shalbe begoten borne & procreated vnder your lauful pure sincere & vndoubted mariage, now had & solempnised betwen your highnes and your sayd most dere and entierly beloued wife quene Jane, or any other your lauful heires hereafter to be begoten of your body by any other lauful mariage, peasibly & quietly to kepe haue & enioye the said imperial crowne, and other the premisses, by course of inheritaunce, accordynge to the lymittation therof, expressed & declared by this acte, that then al & syngular the offendours in any of the premisses cōtrary to this act, & al theyr abbettours maynteynours fautours counsailours & aidours therin, shalbe demed & adiudged highe traytours to the realme. And that euery such offence shalbe accepted reputed and taken to be highe treason, And the offēdours therin, theyr aidours maynteynours fautours counsailours and abettours & euery of them, for euery such offēce shal suffre suche iudgemēt & peines of deth, losses & forfaytures of lādes goodes & priuileges of saituary, as in any cases of high treason. And ouer that as well your sayd heires and children, as euery such person & persōs, to whom your highnes shal limitte your sayd crowne, in forme as is afore said, & euery of their heires for euery such offence aboue specified, by them or any of them to be commytted, shall

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lose and forfayte as well all suche ryghte title and interest, that they maye clayme or challenge in or to the crowne of this realme, as heires by discent, or by reason of any gyfte or acte that shalbe done by your hyghnes, for his or theyr aduauncement, by auctoritie of this acte, or otherwyse by any maner of meanes or pretence what so euer it be.

¶AND be it further enacted by auctoritie afore sayde, that if any person or persones, of what astate degree dignitie or condition so euer they be, at any tyme hereafter, by wordes wrytynge imprynt ynge, or by any exterior acte or dede, malycyously or wyllyngely procure, or do or cause to be procured or done directly or indirectly, any thynge or thinges, to the peryll of your moste royall person, or to the perill of the person of any your heires or successours, hauynge the royalle estate of the crowne of this realme: or malyciousely or wyllyngely gyue occasion by wordes writynge prynt dede or acte, wherby your highnes or any your sayd heires or successours, hauing the royal estate of the crowne of this realme, might be disturbed or interrupted of ẏ crown of this realme: Or by wordes writing print dede or act procure or do, or cause to be procured or done any thing or thinges, to or for the interruption repele or adnullation of this acte, or of any thyng therin conteyned, or of any thynge, that shal be done by your highnes in the limittation and disposition of your crowne by auctorite of the same. Or by wordes writing prynt dede or act procure or cause to be procured or done any thynge or thynges, to the preindice sklaunder disturbaunce or derogation of the sayde laufull matrimonye, solempnised betwene your maiestie & the sayde quene Jane, or any other your lauful wyfe or wiues here after by your highnes to be taken: Or to the peryl sklaunder or disherison of any of the issues and heires of your highnes, beinge limitted by this acte to enherite and to be inheritable to the crowne of this realme, in such forme as is aforesayd: Or to the interruption or disherison of any suche person or personnes, to whome your hyghnes shall assigne and dispose your sayde imperial crowne by auctoritie of this act, as is afore remēbred: wherby any suche issues or heires of your hyghnes, or such other person or persons myght be distroyed dysturbed or interrupted in fame body or tytle of the inherytance to the crown of this realme, as to them is lymited in this acte, in fourme aboue rehersed, or as to theym shall be lymytted and assygned by your hyghnes, by vertue and auctoritie of this acte.

¶Or if any person or persons, by wordes wrytynge imprynt ynge or any other exteriour acte directly or indirectly accepte or take, iudge or beleue any of the mariages had and solempnised betwene the kynges hyghnes and the sayd lady Katharine, or betwene the kynges highnes and the said late quene Anne, to be good laufull or of any effecte. Or by wordes writynge printyng or ony other exterior acte directly or indirectly, sclaunder interrupt emperche gaynsaye or impugne the laufull iudgementes and sentences of the sayde moste reuerende father in god, Thomas archebyshop of Canturburye and primate of al England, for and concernyng the deuorces & seperations of the sayde vnlawfull mariages, or any of them. Or by wordes wrytynge prynte

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or any other exterior acte directly or indirectly, take, accepte, name, or calle by any pretence any of the childerne borne and procreated under any of the said vnlaufull mariages, to be legittimate and lauful children of your maieftie. Or if any person or persons craftily imagine inuent or attempt by colour of any pretence to deprue the kinges highnes, the quene, or the heires of their bodies begoten, or any other the heires of the kynges body laufully begoten, or any persone or persones, to whom the kinges highneffe shall dispose giue and limitte the crowne of this realme, by auctorite of this acte, of any of their titles styles names degrees or royal eftates or regall power. ¶ Or if any persone or persones at any tyme hereafter, beinge requited or commanded by the kynges highnes, or by fuche persone or persons, as shall be auctorised by his grace or his laufull heires to make or take an oth, to answere to fuche queftions and interrogatories, as shall be obiected to them, vpon any clauſe, article, sentence, or worde, conteyned in this acte, doo contemptuouſly or vtterly refuſe to make or take fuche othe, or without frustratorye delaye doo not make or take the same Othe: or after the makynge or takynge fuche othe, do contemptuouſely refuſe directly to answere to fuche queftions and interrogatories, as shall be obiected concerninge the same or any part therof: that than euery fuch person and persons, of what eſtate degree or condition soo euer he or they be, and their aydours, counſaillours, mayntenours, & abettours, and euery of them, for euery fuch offence afore declared, shalbe adiuged high traitours. And that euery fuch offence afore eſpecified shalbe adiuged high treaſon, and the offendours therin and theyr aidours counſaylours maintenours and abettours, and euery of them beinge laufully conuicte of any fuch offence by preſentment verdite confeſſion or proceſſe, accordynge to the cuſtome and lawes of this realme, shall ſuffre peines of dethe as in caſes of high treaſon. And that alſo euery fuche offendour, beinge conuicte as is aforeſaid, shall loſe and forfait to your highnes, and to your heires or ſucceſſours kinges or regall rulers of this realme, all fuch manours landes tenementis rentis annuities and hereditamētis, whiche they had in poſſeſſion as owners, or were ſole ſeaſed of, by or in any right title or meanes, or any other person or persons had to their vſe of any eſtate of enheritaūce, at the day of fuch treaſons and offences by them cōmitted & done. And ſhal alſo loſe and forfait to your highnes and your ſaid heires, as wel all maner fuche eſtates of freholde and intereſt for yeres of landes and rentes, as all other goodes catalles and dettes, whiche they had at the tyme of their conuiction or atteynder, of any fuche offence: Prouyded alwaye to euery fuche persone and persones and bodies politike, to their heires aſſignes and ſucceſſours, and to the heires and ſucceſſours of euery of them (other then fuche persons as ſhalbe ſo conuicte or atteynted, and their heires and ſucceſſours, and all other claimynge to theyr vſes) all fuche right, title, vſe, intereſt, poſſeſſion, cōdition, rentes, fees, offices, annuites, and cōmens, whiche they or any of them ſhall haue in or vpon any fuche manours landis tenementis rentis annuities or hereditamentis, that ſhall ſoo happen to be

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loste and forfayte by treason of any conuiction or attreynder, for any the treasons and offences aboue rehersed, at any time before the said treasons and offences committed.

¶ Be it also enacted by auctorite aforsaid, that no person or persons, offendinge in any the treasons conteyned & limited by this act, or in any other treasons, shall in any wise haue and enioy the priuilege or immunitie of any manner sainctuarie within this realme, or els where within any the kinges dominions: but shal vtterly lose and be excluded of the same: any vse, grant, custome, prescription, confirmation, or any other thing or thynges to the contrary hereof in any wyse not withstanding. ¶ And be it also enacted by auctorite aforesayd, that if your maiestie shall happen to decease before any suche your issue and heire male of your body, which shulde inherite the crown of this realme, shall be of his age of.xviii. yeres, or before that suche your issue and heire female, whiche shuld inherite the crowne of this realme, shal be maried, or be of the age of. xvi. yeres (whiche almyghty god defende) that then the said issue and heire male to the crowne, so beinge within the age of xviii. yeres, or your sayd issue and heire female to the crowne, so beinge vnmaried, or within the said age of.xvi. yeres, shall be and remayne, vntyl suche tyme as suche issues and heires shall come to their said seuerall ages aforesymptted, at and in the gouernance of their naturall mother, and of suche other your counsaylours and nobles of your realme, as your highnesse shall symitte and appoynt by your laste wyll made in wrytyng, signed with your moste gratious hande, if it shalbe thought by your highnes most conuenient so to be: or els the said issues and heires shall be at and in the gouernance of suche of your counsailours & nobles of your realme, as your maiestie shall name and appoynt by your last wyll made in writinge, and sygned with your most gratious hande, as is aforesaid. And if any persone or persons by writing printinge or exterior dede or acte, directly or indirectly, procure or do, or cause to be procured or done any thinge or thynges, to the lette or disturbance of the same: that then euery suche offence shall be hygh treason, and the offendours beinge therof conuicted, shall suffre suche peynes of deathe and losse of inheritaunce, priuileges of sainctuaries, freeholdes, interestes for yeres, goodes, cattalles, and dettes, in such maner and forme as is aboue specified in cases of treason afore mencioned.

¶ AND for the more sure establyshement of the succession of your most royall maiestie, accordynge to the tenour and forme of this acte, Be it further enacted by auctoryte afore sayde, that as welle all the nobles of your realme spirituall and temporall, as all other your subiectes nowe lyuyng and beinge, or that hereafter shall be at their full ages, by the commaundement of your maiestie, or of your heyres or successours, at al tymes hereafter from time to time whan it shall please your highnes or your heires or successours to apoynt, shal make a corporal oth in the presence of your highnes, or your heires or successours, or before suche other as your maiestie or your heires or successours will assigne for the same, for the keppynge obseruyng defendyng

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auowynge and mayntaynynge of this acte, and of all thynges that shall be done by your hyghnes by auctoritie therof, accordynge to the tenour of an othe here after ensuing, That is to say, Ye shall sweare to beare faith truth and obedience all onely to the kynges maiestie, supreme heed in erthe vnder god of the churche of Englande, durynge his lyfe, and to his heires of his body of his moost dere and entierly beloued lawfull wyfe quene Jane, begoten and to be begoten and procreated: And further to the heyres of our sayde soueraygne lorde, accordynge to the limitation in the statute made for suretie of his succession in the crowne of this realme, in the parlyament begon and holden at westmynster in the. xxiii. day of June, in the. xxviii. yere of the kynges moost gracious reygne. And also for lacke of suche heyres, to such person and persons as the kynges highnes shal limite & apoynt to succede to the crown, by vertue & auctorite of the same act, and not to any other within this realme, nor foreyne auctoritie power or potentate. And in case any other othe be made or hath be made by you to any person or personnes: that then ye to repute the same as vayne and adnichilate. And that to your counnynge wytte and vttermoste of your power, without gyle, fraude, or other vndewe maner, ye shall obserue kepe mayntayne and defende the sayde acte of succession made in the sayde parlyament, begon and holden at westmynster in the sayd. xxiii. day of June, in ỳ said. xxviii. yere of the kynges most royall reygne, and all the holle effectes and contentes therof, and all thynges that shall be done by the kynges hyghnes by auctorite of the same, and al other actis and statutis made in confirmation or for execution of the same or of any thyng therin conteined: and this ye shal do agenst al maner of persons, of what estate dignitie degre or condytion so euer they be: & in no wyse doo or attempte, nor to your power suffre to be done or attempted directly or indirectly any thynge or thynges priuily or apertely, to the let hynderance damage or derogation therof, or of any parte of the same, or of any thinge or thynges, that shall be done by the kynges highnes, by vertue or auctoritie of the sayde acte, by any maner of meanes, or for any maner of pretence, so helpe you god, all sayntes, and the holy Euangelistis.

¶ AND it is also enacted by auctorite afore sayde, that all maner your subiectes, as well spirituall as temporall, suinge lyuerey, or ouster le mayn, out of the handes of your hyghnes, or of your heires or successours, or doinge any fealtie to your hyghnesse, or to your heires or successours, by reason of tenure of their landes, shall sweare the sayde corporall othe aboue mencioned. And that they nor any of theym, shall here after haue any lyuereys, oustre le mayne, or restytution out of your handes, nor out of the handes of your heyres or successours, tylle they shall haue made the sayde corporall othe, in fourme aboue rehersed. And if any person or personnes, beinge commaunded by auctorytie of this acte, to make the sayde Othe afore symptted, obstynately or wylfully refuse that to doo, or wyll protestе and saye, when they shall be examined vpon any interrogatories, that shall be obiected to them, for or concernynge this acte, or any thynge therin con-

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teyned that they be not bounde to declare theyr thoughte and concience, and stiffely theron abide: that then euery suche person so doinge, for euery suche offence shall be taken and accepted for offendour in highe treason: And that euery suche refusell shall be demed and adiudged highe treason: and the offendour therin, beinge as afore is lymytted, laufully conuicted or atteynted therof by the lawes of this realme, shal suffer such peynes of death losses and forfaytures, and also lose priuileges of sayntuaries, in lyke maner & forme as is aboue mencioned, for the treasons afore lymitted by this act.

¶ AND be it further enacted by auctorite of this present parliament, that if it shall please the kynges maiestie at any tyme here after, by his letters patentes vnder his great seale, or by his laste wyll made in writynge, and signed with his most gracious hande, to auaunce any persone or persons of his moste royall blode to any title stile or name, of any estate dignitie or honour, what so euer it be, and to gyue to them or to any of them any castelles honours manours landes tenementes liberties francheses or other hereditamentes, in fee simble fee tayle or for terme of theyr lyues, or the life of any of them: that then all and euery such letters patentes and last wyl of his highnes, so to be made to any suche person or persons of his blode, shall be good and effectuall to them and euery of them, accordynge to the tenour purportes and effectes of euery suche letters patentes and laste wyll. And that the sayde person and persones, and euery of them, shall haue and enioy as well all suche titles stile and names of honour dignitie and estate, whiche shall be conteyned and expressed in any suche letters patentes or laste wyll of the kynges hyghnes, as suche castelles honours manours landes tenementes liberties fraunchеses and all other hereditamentes, whiche shall be specified and mencioned in euery such letters patentes or laste wyl, in such maner fourme facion and condicion, and accordynge to such estate or estates in the lawe, as shalbe expressed and lymytted in euery such letters patentes or laste wyll, in as large and ample maner to all intentes and purposes, as if the titles stiles and names of honour dignitie and estate, and the castelles honours manours landes tenementes lyberties fraunchеses and other hereditamentes, whiche shall be comprysed in any suche letters patentes or laste wyll to be made, were all redy yeuen by good and sufficient letters patentes to suche personne or personnes of the kynges blode by theyr speciall names and surnames, and ratified and confyrmed by auctoritie of this presente parlyament, Or as if the names of suche personne and personnes, so beynge of the kynges bloudde, and suche tytles styles names castelles honours manours landes tenementes lyberties francheses or other heredytamentes, hadde ben specially named and expressed in this acte, and gyuen to suche personne and persones of the kynges blode by their propre names and surnames, by sufficient wordes termes clauses & sentences, immediately by auctoritie of this present parlyament. Sauynge to al and euery person and persons and bodyes polytike, and to theyr heires assignes and successours

(other than to the kynges highnes, his heires or successours) all such right title interest possessiō rentes anuities fees offices comens rightes interestis petitions conditions and all other hereditamentes, whiche they or any of them maye or mought clayme of in or to any the sayd titles stiles names castelles honours manours landes tenementes liberties franchefes and other hereditamentes conteyned or mencioned in any suche letters patentes or laste wyll, in as large and ample maner, as if this acte had neuer be hadde nor made.

¶ AND be it fynally enacted by auctoritie afore sayde, that this presente acte, and euery clause article and sentence compryfed in the same, shall be taken and accepted accordynge to the playne wordes and sentences therin conteyned, and shall not be interpreted nor exponed by colour of any preteuse or cause, or by any subtill argumentes inuentions or reasons, to the hinderance disturbance or derogation of this act, or any part therof: Any thing or thinges, act or actes of parliament here tofore made, or here after to be had done or made to the contrary therof not withstandynge. And that euery acte statute lawe prouision thinge and thynges heretofore had or made, or here after to be had done or made, contrary to the effecte of this statute, shall be voyde and of no value nor force.

¶ An acte for continuaunce of the statute ayenst the cariage of brasse latenne and coper out of this realme. And for makynge of cables and ropes: for the wyndynge of wolles, and ayenst kyllynge of weynelynges vnder the age of two yeres. Cap. viii.

Where in the laste parlyament begonne and holden at London the thyrde day of Nouember, in the. xxi. yere of the kynges moste gratious reigne, and from thens adiorned to westminster, and there holden and continued by dyuers prorogations vntyll the dissolution therof, it was ordeyned and establyshed amongest other thynges one acte for restraynyng the cariages of brasse, latten, and coper out of this realme: And also one other acte was made in this parlyament for the trewe makynge of cables halsers and ropes: One other acte for the trewe wyndynge of wolles: and one other act to restrayne kyllyng of weynelinges bullockes steres or hester, being vnder the age of two yeres. All whiche foure seuerall actes were made to continue and endure to the next parliament, as by the sayde actes more playnly apereth. For as moche as the sayde seuerall actes, and euery of them, be necessary for the comon welth of this realme, be it therfore enacted by auctoritie of this present parlyament, that the sayd foure seueral actes, and al clauses articles and prouisions therin conteyned, shall from hens forthe be and stande good and effectuall, and to endure and continue vntyll the laste day of the next parliament.

An acte for continuance of the statutes of periury, for makynge of sayles, for pewterers, and for sowynge of flaxe and hempe. Ca. ix.

WHere in the parlyament begonne and holden at London the thyrde day of Nouembre, and from thense adiourned to westm, and there holden and continued by prorogation vnto the .xv. day of Januarij, in the .xxiii. yere of the reygne of our moost dred soueraygne lorde kynge Henry the .viii. it was than in that session of the sayde parlyamente one acte made and establysshed for the atteyntes to be sued for punishment of periury vppon vntrue verdictes, which act was then made to endure to the last day of the next parliament. And where also in the said session of the sayd parlyament one act was made and establysshed, for makynge of sayles in dyuers shyres of this realme, whiche acte was than made to continue and endure for one yere next after thende of the same parlyament. And where also in the tyme of the same parliamẽt, one other act was made cõcerning pewterers, which act was also made to endure to the last day of the nexte pliament. And also in the tyme of the sayde parlyamente one other acte was made concernynge sowynge of flaxe & hempe, which acte also was made to continue & indure to the last day of the next parliamẽt, as by the sayd foure seueral actes more playnly appereth. For as moch as the sayd foure actis be good & beneficial for the cõmon welth of this realme, be it therfore enacted by auctorite of this present parlyament, that the sayd foure actes and euery of them, & al clauses articles & prouisions therin conteyned, shal stand continue and endure in theyr force & strength, and be obserued and kepte to the last day of the nexte parlyament.

An act extinguysshyng the auctorite of the byssshop of Rome. Ca. x.

FOR AS MOCHE as not withstandyng the good & holsome lawes ordinances and statutes heretofore made enacted and establysshed, by the kinges highnes our most gratious soueraigne lorde, and by the hole consent of his high courte of parlyament, for the extirpation abolution and extinguysshement out of this realme, and other his gracis dompnions seignories and countreys, of the pretended power and vsurped auctorite of the byssshop of Rome, by some called the pope, vsed within the same, or elles where concernyng the same realme dominions seignories or countreys, whiche dyd obfuscate and wreste godis holy worde and testament a longe season frome the spirituall and trewe meanynge thereof, to his worldely and carnall affectyons, as pompe, glorye, auarice, ambition, and tyrannye, couerynge and shadowynge the same, with his humayne and politike deuises, traditions, and inuentions sette forthe to promote and stablysshe his onely dominyon, bothe vppon the soules and also the bodyes and goodes of all Chrystyan people,

excludynge Chriſte out of his kyngedome and reule of manne his ſowle, as moche as he maye, and all other tempozall kynges and pzyncis out of their domynions, whiche they ought̃e to haue by goddis lawe, vpon the bodyes and goodes of their ſubiectes: wherby he dyd not onely robbe the kynges maieſtie, being onely the ſupzeme heed of this his realme of Englande immediatly vnder god, of his honour, ryghte, and pzeemynence, due vnto hym by the lawe of god, but ſpoyled this his realme verely of innumerable treſure, and with the lolle of the ſame decepued the kynges louyng and obedient ſubiectis, perſwadynge to theym by his lawes, bulles, and other his decepuable meanes, ſuche dzeames, vanyties, and fantaſyes, as by the ſame many of them were ſeducyd and conueyed vnto ſuperſtitious and erronious opinions: ſo that the kynges maieſtie, the lozdes ſpyrituall and tempozall, and the commons in this realme beinge ouerwcried and fatigated, with therperience of the infinite abhompnations and myſchiefes pzocedynge of his impoſtures, and craftily colourynge of his deceptes, to the greate damages of ſoules bodyes and goodes, were kozed of neceſſitie koz the publyque weale of this realme, to exclude that kozeyn pzetended power, iuriſdiction, and auctozite, vſed and vſurped within this realme, and to deuiſe ſuch remedies koz their relief in the ſame, as doth not only redoũde to the honour of god the high pzayſe and aduancement of the kinges maieſtie and of his realme, but alſo to the great & ineſtimable vtilite of the ſame. And not withſtandyng the ſaid holſom lawes ſo made, and heretokoze eſtablyſhed, yet it is comen to the knowlege of the kynges hyghnes, and alſo to diuers & many his louinge faithfull and obedient ſubiectes, howe that dyuers ſedicious and contentious perſones, beinge impes of the ſaid byſhop of Rome, and his ſee, and in hart, membzes of his pzetended monarchie, do in corners and els where, as they dare whiſper inculke pzeache and perſwade, & from tyme to time inſtill into the eares and heedes of the poze ſymple and vnlettered people, the aduauncement and continuance of the ſayd byſhops feyned and pzetended auctozitie, pzetendynge the ſame to haue his grounde & originall of goddis law, wherby the opinions of many be ſuſpended, their iugementes corrupted and decepued, and diuerſitie in opinions augmented and encreaſed, to the great diſpleaſure of almyghty god, the high diſcontentation of our ſayd moſte dzedde ſouerayne lozde, and the interruption of the vnitie loue charitie concozd and agrement, that ought to be in a chriſten region and congregation. Koz auoydynge wherof and repzeſſion of the kolyes of ſuche ſedicious perſons, as be the meanes and authozs of ſuch inconueniences, Be it enacted ozdeyned and eſtablyſhed by the kynge our ſouerayne lozd, & the lozdes ſpyritual and tẽpozall, & the cõmons in this pzeſent parliament aſſembled, & by thauctozitie of the ſame, that if any perſone oz perſones, dwelling demurring inhabiting oz reſiant within this realme, oz within any other the kynges dominions ſeignouries oz coũtreys, oz the marches of the ſame, oz els where within oz vnder his obeyſance and power, of what eſtate dignite pzeemineẽce ozder degre oz cõdicion ſo euer he oz they be, after the laſt

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day of July, which shalbe in the yere of our lord god, M.D. xxxvi. shal by writting cifring printing preching or teching, dede or act, obstinately or maliciously holde or stande with, to extolle set forth mayntein or defende the auctoritie iurisdiction or power of the bishop of Rome, or of his see, hertofore claymed vsed or vsurped within this realme or in any dominion or countrey beynge of within or vnder the kynges power or obeysaunce, or by any pretence obstinately or malycyously inuente any thing for therrollyng auauncement settynge furth mayntenaunce or defence of the same, or any parte therof, or by any pretence obstinately or malycyously attribute any maner of iurisdiction auctorite or prehemynence to the sayd see of Rome, or to any bysshop of the same see for the tyme beinge within this realme or in any the kynges dominions or countreyes: that then euery suche persone or persones so doynge or offendynge, their aydours, assistentes, comforters, abettours, procurers, mayntayners, faulters, counsaylours, concelours, and euery of them, being therof lawfully conuicted, according to the lawes of this realme, for euery suche defaulte and offence shal incurre and runne into the daungers penalties peynes and forfaytures ordeyned and prouided by the statute of prouision and premunire, made in the. xvi. yere of the reigne of the noble and valiaunt prynce kynge Rychard the seconde, ayenst suche as attempte procure or make prouision to the see of Rome or elles where, for any thynge or thynges to the derogation or contrary to the prerogatiue royal or iurisdiction of the crowne and dignitie of this realme.

¶ AND to thentent that this acte at all tymes maye be wel and trewely executed, and the offendours therof haue and receyue condygne punysshement according to theyr demerites, It is enacted by thauctorite afore sayd, that as well iustices of assises in theyr circuites, as iustices of peace within the lymyttes of theyr comission and auctorities, or two of euery such iusticiers of peace at the least, wherof one to be of the Quorum, shall haue ful power and auctorite to enquere of all offences contemptes & transgressyons, perpetrated committed or doone contrarye to this acte, in lyke maner and fourme as they maye of other offences ayenste the kynges peace: And shall certifie euery presentment afore them or any of them hadde or made, concernynge this acte or any parte therof, before the kynge in his benche, within xl. dayes nexte after any suche presentment had or made, if the terme be then open: And if not, than at the fyrste day of the terme next folowyng the saide xl. dayes, vpon peyne that euery of the iusticiars of assise, or iusticiars of peace, before whom suche presentment shalbe made, makyng defaulte of suche certificat contrary to this statute, to lose and forfayt forty poundes to the kynges highnes.

¶ AND it is enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that the Iusticiars of the kynges benche, as well vpon euery suche certificat as by inquery before them selfes within the limites of their auctorities, shal haue ful power & auctorite to here order and determyne euery such offence, done or committed contrary to this acte, according to the lawes of this realme, in suche lyke maner

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and fourme to all intentes and purpoſes, as if the perſon or perſones, ayenſt whome any preſentement ſhalbe had vpon this eſtatute, had be preſented vpon any mater or offence expreſſed in the ſayde eſtatute, made in the ſaid.xbi. yere of kynge Rychard the ſeconde.

¶ AND IT IS alſo enacted by thauctorite afore ſayde, that all and euery archebyſhoppes Byſhoppes and archedeacons within this realme, theyr commyſſaries, vycars generall, and other theyr miniſters, in euery their viſitation and ſeanes, ſhall make diligente inſerche, enquirie, and examination of all and euery eccleſiaſticall and relygious perſonne within and of their iuriſdiction, which ſhalbe ſuſpected accuſed or demed to be a tranſgreſſour or offendour of this acte. And if vpon ſuche ſerche enquirie and examination any eccleſiaſticall or relygyous perſon ſhalbe preſented ſuſpected accuſed or founde culpable by wytnes or confeſſion, of any offence contrary to this acte, and be preſente at the tyme of ſuche preſentement examination or accuſation: that then euery the archebyſhoppes biſhoppes and archedecons, their commiſſaryes, vicars generall, and other theyr mynyſters, afore or to whome any ſuche perſonne ſhall be preſented ſuſpected accuſed or founde coulpable (as is aforeſayde) ſhall commytte euery ſuche perſonne ſo preſented ſuſpected accuſed or founde coulpable, if he be preſente (as is afore ſayd) to the nexte common ayle of the ſhyere where ſuche enquirie exampnation or accuſation ſhall be hadde or made: orelles by good and ſufficiente ſuretes to be bounden by obligation to the kynges vſe, ſhall lette euery ſuche perſon to bayle by theyr diſcretions, to appere before the kyng and his counſayle in the ſterre chaumbre at weſtmyſter, within.xb. dayes next after ſuche enquerie preſentement or accuſation, if the terme be then open and kepte, orels in the fyrſte day of the terme nexte folowynge after the ſame inquery preſentemente or accuſation. And at the ſame day lymitted for ſuche apparance, they ſhall certifie into the ſayde ſterre chaumbre by wrytynge vnder their ſeales, as well the ſayde bonde and obligation taken for ſuche apparance, as the preſentment examination accuſation or conuiction of euery ſuche perſon, and all depoſytions and circumſtaunces thereof, and the name of the ayle, wherunto they haue commytted the ſaide perſon. And yf any ſuche eccleſiaſtical or religious perſon, beinge preſented ſuſpected or accuſed in any ſeane or viſitation, be not preſēt at the tyme of the ſayd ſeane or viſitation as is aforeſayd: ꝑ then neuertheles euery the ſaid archbyſhops byſhops & archdeacons, their cōmyſſaryes, vicars general, & al other their mynyſters, afore or to whom any ſuch preſentmēt ſuſpection or accuſatiō ſhalbe had or made, ſhal certifie euery ſuche preſentement ſuſpection & accuſation, & al circūſtāce therof (as is aforeſayde) in to the ſterre chaumbre at weſtm within.xb. days nexte after ſuch preſentmēt ſuſpectiō or accuſation had or made, or in the firſt day of the terme nexte folowynge after ſuche preſentemente ſuſpection or accuſation, in ſuche maner and fourme as is afore reherſed. And in caſe any eccleſiaſticall or relygyous perſon being preſented ſuſpected or accuſed of any offence done or attempted contrarye to this eſtatute, be thereof conuicted by con-

confession or witnes before any archbyshoppe bishoppe or archdecon, or before any the commissaries, vicars generall, or other theis ministers, in their seanes or visitations, or before the kynges counsayle in the sterre Chaumbre at westmynster: that then euery suche spirituall and religious person, so beinge conuicte, shall suffre suche peynes penalties and forfaytures, as be expressed in the sayde statute made in the sayde. xxi. yere of kynge Rychard the seconde.

¶ IT IS also enacted by thauctoritie afore sayd, that if any ecclesiasticall iudge or visitatour do voluntarily concele cloke hide or colour any presentment accusation or confession, that shal be made to hym concernyng this statute, and do not certifie euery suche accusation presentment or confession before the kynge and his counsayle in the sterryd chamber at westmynster, in suche maner and fourme as is above specified in this estatute: that then euery suche ecclesiasticall iudge and visitatour, so wylfully offendynge, for euery suche defaulte shall forfayt. xl. li. the one halfe therof to the kynges highnes, the other halfe to suche persone as wyll sue for the same by originall writte byll playnte or information in any of the kynges courtes: in whiche suyte no essoyne protection or wager of lawe shall be admytted nor allowed.

¶ AND FOR stronger defence and mayntenance of this acte, it is ordeyned and enacted by auctoritie afore sayde, that all and euery ecclesiasticall iudge, ordinary, chauncellour, commyssary, officiall, vycar generall, and other ecclesiasticall officer or minister, of what dignitie preemynence or degree soo euer they shall be, And all and euery temporall iudge, iustice, mayer, bailiffe, shereffe, vndersheryue, eschetour, alderman, iurat, counstable, hedborowe, Thyrdborough, borsolder, and euery other lay officer and minister, to be made created elected or admytted within this realme or any other the kynges dominions, of what estate order degree or condytion so euer he shalbe, from and after the sayde laste day of July, shal before he take vpon hym the execution of suche office, make take and receyue a corporall othe vpon the Euangelystes, before suche person or persons as haue or shal haue auctoritie to admyt hym, that he from henceforth shal vtterly renounce refuse relynquisshe or forsake the bysshop of Rome and his auctoritie power and iurisdiction: And that he shall neuer consent nor agree, that the bysshop of Rome shal practise exercise or haue any maner of auctoritie iurisdictiō or power within this realme, or any other the kynges dominions, but that he shall resiste the same at all tymes to thutteremooste of his power. And that from henceforth he shall accepte repute and take the kynges maiestie to be the onelye supreme hedde in erthe of the churche of Englande: And that to his cunnynge wytte and vttermooste of his power, without gyle fraude or other vndewe meane, he shall obserue kepe maynteyne and defende the hole effectes and contentes of all and synguler actes and statutes made and to be made within this realme, in derogation extirpation and extinguishement of the bysshoppe of Rome and his auctoritie: And all other actes and

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ſtatutes made and to be made in reformation and corroboration of the kynges power of ſupreme hede in erthe of the churche of Englande: and this he ſhall doo ayenſte all maner of perſonnes, of what eſtate dignytie degree or condicion they be, and in no wyſe doo nor attempte, nor to his power ſuffre to be done or attempted dyrectly or indyrectly any thynge or thynges prively or apartly, to the lette hynderaunce damage or derogation therof, or of any parte therof, by any maner of meanes, or for any maner of pretence. And in caſe any othe be made or hath ben made by hym to any perſonne or perſonnes in mayntenaunce defence or fauour of the byſhoppe of Rome or his auctoritie iuriſdiction or power, he repute the ſame as vayne and adnichylate, ſo helpe hym god al ſaynctes and the holy Euangelyſt.

¶AND it is alſo enacted by the auctoritie afore ſayde, that all and euery perſonne and perſones ſpirituall and temporall, ſayng lyuere reſtitutions or vtter le mayne out of the kynge, his heires, or ſucceſſours handes, or doyng any fealtie to his highnes his heires or ſucceſſours, or which ſhall be ſworne to the kynge his heires or ſucceſſours, or that ſhal haue any office fee or roume of the mooſte gracious gyfte of the kynges mateſtie, his heires or ſucceſſours, or ſhall be retayned in ſeruice with his grace, his heires or ſucceſſours, ſhall make take and receyue the ſayde othe. And that alſo all and euery relygious perſonne, at the tyme of his or their profeſſion or entre into religyon, and euery other eccleſiaſticall perſonne at the tyme of his takynge of ordere, and all and euery other perſonne, whiche ſhall be promoted or preferred to any degree of lernynge in any vnyuerſite within this realme or other the kynges dominions at the tyme of his promotion or preferrmente, and euery of them, ſhall make take and receyue the ſayde othe before his or their ſoueraygne, ordinary, or the commiſſary of ſuche vnyuerſitie.

¶AND IT IS alſo enacted by the auctoritie afore ſayde, that if any perſonne or perſones, ſtyrred or commaunded by auctoritie of this acte to make the ſayde othe, or commaunded by any other perſonne or perſones, auctoriſed by the kynges highnes commiſſion vnder his great ſeale, or his ſeale ordeyned for cauſes eccleſiaſticall, to make the ſayde othe, obſtinately refuſe that to do: that then euery ſuche offence and contempte ſhall be highe treaſon, and the offenders therof being laufully conuicted, ſhall ſuffre peynes of death and other forfaytures penalties and loſſes, as is ſtyrred and accuſtomed in caſes of highe treaſon by any lawes or ſtatutes of this realme heretofore made.

¶PROVIDED alwayes and be it enacted, that this acte nor any thynge or thynges in the ſame rehercſed mentyoned or compryſed, be in any wyſe preiudyciall hurtefull or derogatory to the ceremonies vſes and other laudable and politike ordynaunces, for a tranquilite, diſciplyne, concorde, deuocion, vnytie, and decent order heretofore in the churche of Englang vſed inſtituted taken and accepted, nor to any perſon or perſons accordyngely vſynge the ſame or any of them.

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¶ Prouyded alwaye and be it enacted by auctoritie of this present parlyamente, that this acte, concernynge the byshoppe of Rome, or any thynge to be doone by his vsurped auctoritie, shall no further bynde nor extende to and vppon the kynges subiectes of his yle of Jersey, Gernesey, and Alderney, in any other maner fourme or condicion, than it shall please the kinges highnesse, with thaduyse of his mooste honourable counsayle, vppon consyderation and examynation of the state and disposytion of his sayde yles, and the common welthe of the same, hereafter to establyshe ordeyne and declare vnto them by his gratious letters patentes vnder his great seale: and that the sayde letters patentes, and euery thyng therin to be conteyned, shal be of the same effecte, strength, and vertue, as yf they hadde ben passed and enacted by auctoritie of parliament: any thynge in the saide acte conteyned to the contrary in any wyse not withstandynge.

¶ An acte for restitution of the fyrste fruites in tyme of vacation to the nexte Incumbent. Capit. xi.

For as moche as in the statute of the payement vnto the kynges maiestie, his heires and successours, of the fyrste fruites of spirituall promotions, offyces, benefyces, and dignities within this realme, and other the kinges dominions, expresse mēcion and declaration is not had ne made, from what time the yere shall be accompted, in whiche the firste fruites shall be dewe and payable to his highnes, that is to wytte, whither immediately from the deathe resignation or depriuation of euery incumbent, or from the tyme of admission or newe takynge of possession in euery suche promotion. And also by reason that in the same statute it is not declared, who shal haue the fruites tythes and other profites of the sayde benefyces offyces promotions and dignities spirituall, durynge the tyme of vacation thereof, dyuers of tharchebysshoppes and bysshoppes of this realme, haue not onely when the tyme of perceyuynge and takyng of tythes (that is to say, woll, lambe, corne, and haye, and tythes vsually payed at the holy tyme of Easter) hath approched, differred the collation of such benefyces, as haue ben of their own patronage, but also haue vpon p̄sentations of clerkes made vnto them by the iust patrons protracted & deferred to institute, induct, & admytte the same clerkes, to thentent that they myght haue & perceiue to their owne vse the same tythes, growynge durynge the vacation: So that through suche delays (ouer and aboue the first fruites, which be iustly due to the kinges highnes) they haue ben constrayned also to lose all or the moste parte of one yeres profites of their benefyces and promotions, and to serue the cure at their and their frendes propre costes and charges, or vtterly to forsake and gyue ouer their benefices and promotions, to their great losse & hynderance. For reformation wherof, it is ordeyned and enacted by the kynge our souerayne lorde, with the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the com-

commons in this present parlyament assemblyd, and by thauctoritie of the same, that the sayd yere, in whiche the firste fruites shal be payde to the kinges grace, shal begynne and be accompted immediatly after the auoydance or vacation of any suche benefyce or promotion spirituall afore rehersed. And that the tythes, fruites, oblations, obuentions, emolumentes, commodities, aduauntages, rentes, and all other what soo euer reuenues, casualties, or profytes certayne and vncertayne, afferynge or belongynge to any archedeaconrye, deanery, prebende, personage, vycarage, hospytalle, wardeyneshyppe, prouosteshyppe, or other spirituall promotion, benefyce, dignitie, office, or (chauntries onely excepte) within this realme, or other the kynges domynyons, growynge, tysynge, or comynge, durynge the tyme of vacation of the same promotion spirituall, shal belonge and affere to suche person, as shalbe thervnto next presented, promoted, instituted, inducted or admytted and to his executours, toward the payment of the fyrste fruites, to the kynges hyghnesse, his heires and successours: Any vsage, custome, lybertie, pruilege, or prescription to the contrary hadde vsed or beinge in any wise not withstandyng.

¶ AND it is also enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that if any archbysshoppe, bysshoppe, archedeacon, ordinarie, or any other persone or personnes to their vses and behoofe, at any tyme heretofore sythe the fyrste daye of Maye last past, haue perceyued, receyued, or taken, or at any tyme hereafter doo perceyue, receyue, or take the fruytes, tythes, obuentions, oblations, emolumentes, commodyties, reuenues, rentes, aduauntages, profyttes, or casualties, commynge, growynge, or belongynge, or whyche hereafter shall come growe affere or belonge to any archedeconry, deanrye, prebende, personage, vycarage, hospytall, wardeyneshyppe, prouostshyppe, or other spirytuall promotion, benefyce, dignytie, or office (chauntryes onely excepted) within this realme, or other the kynges domynyons, durynge the vacation of suche archedeaconry, deanery, prebende, personage, vycarage, hospitalle, wardenshyppe, prouostshyppe, or other spirytuall promotion, benefyce, dignite, or offyce (chauntries onely excepted.) And the same vppon reasonable requeste frome henseforthe to be made, dothe not render, restore, satisfye, contente, and paye, to the nexte Incumbent, beinge lawfully instytuted, inducted, or admytted to suche archedeaconry, deanry, prebende, personage, or vycarage, or other promotion, benefyce, dygnytie, or offyce spyrytuall, excepte before excepted: or doo lette or interrupte the sayde Incumbente to haue the same: that then euerye archebysshoppe, bysshoppe, archedeacon, ordynarie, or other personne soo doynge, shall forfayte and loose the treble value of soo moche as he shall thenne haue receyued of the fruytes of euery prebende, personage, vycarage, hospytalle, wardeyneshyppe, prouostshyppe, or other spyrytualle promocyon, whereof he soo shall perceyue, receyue, or deteyne, lette, or interrupte the Incumbente to perceyue, receyue, and haue

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the fruytes, tythes, obuencyons, oblations, emolumentes, commodyties, reuenues, rentes, aduauntages, profytes, or casualties: The moytie of whyche forfayture shall be to the kynge our soueraygne lorde, and the other moytie thereof to the Incumbente of the same prebende, personage, or vycarage, or other spyrytuall promocyon, to be recouered in any of the kynges courtes by accyon, bylle, playnte, informacion, or otherwyse, in whyche accyon or suyte the defendaunte shall not be admytted to wage his lawe, nor any protection or essoyne shall be vnto the defendaunte allowed.

¶ Prouyded alwaye, that it shall be lefulle to euery Archebyshoppe, byshoppe, archedeacon, and ordenarye, theyr officers and mynysters, to resceyne in his or their custodye, soo moche of the tythes, fruytes, obuencyons, oblations, emolumentes, commodities, aduauntages, rentes, reuenues, casualties, and profytes, as shall amounte to paye vnto suche personne or personnes, as hathe or shall serue or kepe the cure of suche archedeaconrye, deanery, prebende, personage, or vycarage, or other spiritualle promocyon, durynge the vacation, his or theyr reasonable stypende or salarye. And also for the collection gatherynge and leuyenge of suche tythes, fruytes, emolumentes, rentes, and other profytes, eylynge and growyng, durynge the vacation aforesayde: any thynge in this acte conteyned to the contrary in any wyse not withstandynge.

¶ PROVIDED ALSO, AND be it further enacted by the auctorytie aforesayde, that in case any of the incumbentes aforesayde, happen to dye, and before his deathe hathe caused any of his glebe landes to be manured and sowen atte his proper costes and charges with any corne or grayne: that thenne in that case all and euery of the same Incumbentes may make and declare theyr testamentes of all the profyttes of the corne, growynge vpon the same glebe landes, so manured and sowen: Any thing conteyned in this present acte in any wise not withstandynge.

¶ AND VVHERE ALSO BEFORE this tyme dyuers and many personnes, vycars, and other spyrytuall persones, beynge seased for terme of their lyues, of and in the sayde spirituall promotions afore named, as welle for greatte sommes of moneye to theym before hande payde, as for other causes and consyderations, haue lette in ferme for terme of yeres, by sufficyent wrytynges their sayde personages, vycarages, and other spirituall promotions, or parte therof, vnto dyuers and many of the kynges subiectes, and after suche leases by theym soo made, the leassours therof haue often tymes vsed to resygne theyr sayde benefyces or spirytualle promocyons, soo dempsed and letten in ferme: by reasone of whyche resygnacyon and other the actes of the sayde leassours, the sayde benefyces and other spyrytualle promocyons haue benne voyde, and the tytle and interestes of the sayde leasses, hathe benne thereby adnychylate, and of none effecte in the lawe, contrarye to ryght and good conscyence. FOR reformacyon whereof, and for a quyetnesse the better hereafter

to be hadde and contynewed betwene the kynges subiectes, Be it enacted by auctoryte of this presente parlyamente, that frome the foresayde fyrste daye of Maye laste paste, no maner of suche lease, by suffycient wrytynge heretofore made, nor hereafter to be made by any spirituall persone within this realme of Englande, Wales, or the marches of the same, to any laye persone, of any personage, vycarage, or other spyrytuall promotion aforesayde within this realme, vppon whiche leasse the rente and serupces reserued, with other the yerelye charges of the leasse, as in serupnge the cure and otherwise, shall amounte within forty shyllynges by the yere, of as moche as the sayde personage, vycarage, or other spyrituall promotion aforesayde, soo letten, is rated and valewed atte vppon the kynges bokes, for payenge the fyrste fruptes, shall be adiudged voyde adnychilate or determyned, by reson of any such resignation or other auoydaunce of the sayde benefyce or spirituall promocyon soo letten by the onely acte of the sayde leassour, but that euery suche leassee or grauntee of any suche benefyces or spirituall promocyons aforesayde, their executours or assygnes, shall haue and maye inioye theyr termes and interestes of and in the same, for the terme of fyre yeres, to be accompted next and immediately after the sayde auoydaunce, if the sayde lessour doo so longe lyue, and the leasse soo by hym before made doo so longe contynewe and indure. And that after suche auoydaunce, the successour or successours of euery suche lessour shall and maye distreyne for the rent and seruptes so reserued, and haue theyr actions of dette and all other aduantages by way of action entree or otherwyse, agaynst the sayde lessee, his executours, or assygnes, for recouery of the sayde rente and couenauntes vppon the sayde lease reserued, as the lessour therof myghte haue hadde, if noo suche auoydaunce hadde ben hadde.

¶AND FARTHER BE IT enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that yf hereafter it happen any suche leassour to decease and dye before the ende of the terme by hym soo made, and that there be one yere at leaste to comme of the sayde terme: that then it shall be lawfulle to the lesse therof, his executours or assignes, to holde and inioye theyr sayde lesse to thende of the same yere, wherin he is soo entered atte the tyme of his sayde lessours deathe, yf his sayde lease do soo longe contynewe, bearynge and payenge vnto the successour of euery suche lessour, all suche rente and seruyces, as for the remenaunt of the sayde yere, shall vppon euerye suche lease be dewe: for the recouerye whereof the sayde successour shall and maye haue all suche wayes and aduauntages, as before is ympytted and gyuen to the successour, where his predecessour maketh suche leasse and respgneth.

¶PROVIDED ALVVAY, that euery successour after the deathe of his predecessour, maye and shall haue vppon one monethes warnynge after the tyme of his induction, the mancyon howse of euery suche per-

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perſonage, bycarage, or other ſpiritualle promocyon aforeſayde, with the glebe belongynge to the ſame not beynge ſowen atte the tyme of his ſayde predeceſſours deathe, for maynteynaunce of his howſeholde, deductynge therfore in his rente as here to fore hath benne borne for the ſame, or as hit is reaſonably worthe: any thynge in this ſayd acte conteyned to the contrarye not withſtandynge.

¶PROVYDED ALVVAY, THAT yf the fruytes of the vacation of the ſayde ſpyrytualle promocyons be not ſuffycyente to paye the curates ſtypende and wages for ſeruynge the cure the vacation tyme, that then the ſame to be borne and payde by the nexte Incumbente within xliii. dayes nexte after that he hath the poſſeſſion of any of the ſayde promotions ſpirituall.

¶An acte declarynge the lymyttes of the kynges palais of weſtmynſter. Capitulo. xii.

FOR AS MOCHE AS THE KYNGES Palays atte Weſtmynſter, buylded and edyfyed there, before the tyme of mynde, by and nyghe vnto the Monaſterye and abbey of ſaynct Peter of Weſtmynſter, in the countye of Middeſex, is and of longe tyme hathe bene in vtter ruyne and decaye, And that our mooſte dradde ſoueraygne lorde kynge HENRY the Eyght, kynge of Englande and of Fraunce, defendour of the Fayethe, lorde of Irelande, and Supreme heade in erthe of the Churche of Englande, hathe lately opteyned and pourchaſed oone greatte manſyon place and howſe, ſommetyme parcelle of the poſſeſſyons and inherytaunce of the Archebyſſhopryche of Yorke, ſytuate and beynge in the towne of weſtmynſter, in the ſame Countie, not moche dyſtaunt frome the ſame auncyent Palays. And the kynges hyghneſſe nowe of late vppon the ſoyle of the ſayde manſyon place and howſe, and vpon the grounde therevnto adioynynge, mooſte ſumptuouſely and curyouſely hath buylded and edyfyed many and dyſtyncte beautyfulle coſtely and pleaſaunt lodgynges, buyldynges, and manſyons, for his gracys ſyngular pleaſure, comforte, and commodytie, to the greatte honour of his hyghneſſe, and of his realme, and thervnto adioynynge hath made a Parke, walled and enuyronned with brycke and ſtoone, and therin hath deuyſed and ordeyned many and ſyngular commodious thynges, pleaſures, and other neceſſaryes, mooſte apte and conuenient to appertayne onely to ſoo noble a prynce, for his ſyngular comforte paſtyme and ſolace: Be it

therfore enacted by the auctorite of this presente parlyament, that all the sayde soyle grounde mansion and buyldinges, and the sayde parke, with all other thynges commodities and pleasures there vppon made buylded and deuised, as is afore sayd, & also the soyle of the sayd auncient palais shal be from henseforth the kynges hole palays at westmynster, and so to be take demed reputed called and named the kynges palays at westmynster for euer. And that the same palays shall from henseforthe extende and be as well within the soyle and places afore lymytted and appoynted for the same, as also in all the strete or waye ledynge from Charynge Crosse vnto the sayntuarye gate at westmynster afore sayde, and in all the houses buyldynges landes and tenementes on bothe the sydes of the same strete, or waye, from the sayde Crosse vnto westmynster halle, sytuate lyenge or beynge betwene the water of the Thames of the easte parte, and the sayde parke wall of the west parte, and so forth thorowghe all the soyle precincte and lymittes of the sayd olde palays.

¶ AND that the sayde palais nowe made by the auctoritie of this act, shall from henseforthe haue and entoye within the precincte lymyttes and bondes before expressed and declared, of and for the same, all suche and lyke prerogatiues lyberties prehempnences iurisdictions and priuileges, as to the kynges auncient palais within this realme haue at any tyme heretofore belonged vsed or of ryghte appertayned. And that the same olde and aunciente palais of westmynster from henseforth be reputed demed and taken only as a membre and parcell of the sayd newe palais, made by this acte as is afore sayde: any prescription recorde or vsage heretofore hadde vsed or alowed to the contrary not withstandynge. Saynge to all and syngular personne and personnes, bodies politike and corporate, theyr heyres and successours, and euery of them, all suche ryght title interest possession rentes reuertion remaynder distresse action lease leases grauntes annuites suites peticions and conditions, in such maner and forme as they or any of them, their heyres and successours, or the heyres and successours of any of them, haue hadde, shulde myghte or oughte to haue had in the premysses or any parcell therof, if this acte hadde neuer benne hadde ne made: any thynge in this acte conteyned to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶ PROVIDED ALVVAYES THAT this presente acte, nor anye thynge therein conteyned, be in any wyse prejudycyall or hurtefulle to Wyllyam Babyngton, keper of our olde Palays of Westmynster, his heyres nor assygnes, for or concernynge his sayde office: but that hit shall be lefull to the sayde Wyllyam Babyngton, his heyres and assignes, to haue, holde, occuppe, exercyse, and entoye the sayde office of keper of the sayd Palays at westmynster, with all commodities profytes, aduauntages, and other emolumentes, ryghte or growynge of the same

same office, in as large and ample maner as if this present acte had not bene made: any thynge in this presente acte to the contrary heretofore not withstandynge.

¶ An acte compellynge spirituall persons to kepe residence vppon their benefyces. Capitulo. xiii.

WHERE AS IN THE parlyament begonne at London the thyrde day of Nouember, in the. xxi. yere of the reigne of our souerayne lorde kynge Henry the. viii. and from thens adiorned and proroged to the palais of westminster, the. xvii. day of Decembre then next ensuing, amongest othes good actes and ordynaunces, than and there by the auctoritie of the sayde parlyamente hit was establysshed, ordeyned, and enacted, that as well euery spirituall person, than beinge promoted to any archedeconry deanry or dignitie in any monastery or cathedral churche, or other churche conuentual or collegiall, or being benefited with any personage or vicarage, as al and euery spiritual person & persons, which shuld after the feast of saint Mychaell tharchaungell, whiche was in the forsayd. xxi. yere of the reigne of our sayde souerayngne lorde kynge Henry the. viii. be promoted to any of the sayd dygnities or benefyces with any parsonage or vicarage, shuld from the sayde feaste of saynte Mychaell tharchaungell, be personally residente and abydynge at and vpon his sayde dygnite prebende or benefyce or at one of them at the leaste. And in case any suche spiritual person, at any time after the sayde feaste, kepte not residence at one of his sayde dignities prebend or benefices (as is aforesayd) but absent hym selfe wylfully by the space of one moneth together, or by the space of two monethes, to be accompted at seuerall tymes in any one yere, and make his residence and abydynge in any other places by suche tyme: that then he shall forfayte for euery such default x.li. sterlynge, as in the same acte more plainely dothe appere. In whiche acte amonge other prouisions conteyned and specified in the same, it was prouided, that the sayde acte of none residence shulde not in any wyse extende be prejudiciall to any scholar or scholars, beinge conuersaunte and abidinge for studye without fraude or coupne at any vnyuersitie within this realme or without, as by the same prouision doothe also appere more at large. Sithens the makinge of whiche good acte and statute, dyuers and many personnes, beinge benefited with cure of soule (as is aforesayde) and beinge not apte to studye, by reason of their age or otherwyse, neuer entendyng before the making of the sayd act to trauayle in study within any of the sayde vnyuersityes for the encrease of lerninge, but rather myndynge & entendyng their owne ease synguler lucre & pleasure, by the same prouision colourably to defraude the same good statute & ordinance, do daily and commonly resorte and repayre to the sayd vnyuersities of Oxen and Cambrige.

and to eyther of them, where they vnder the said pretence and colour of stu-dy dothe contynue and abyde, lyuynge dissolutely, nothyng profyting them selfes by study at all in lernynge, but consume the tyme in pleines, and in o-ther paste tymes and insolent pleasures, gyuynge occasion and euyll exam-ple therby to other ponge men and studentes within the sayde vniuersities, lyttell or nothynge regardynge their cure and charge of sowle, contrary to the myndes and entent of the makers of the forsayd good statute and ordi-nance. And also dyuers and many old benefyced men haue and do continu-ally remayne there, neuer exercysynge nor practysynge their lernyng, to the exaumple of vertue and mayntenaunce of the common weale, in discharge of their conscience, accordyng to their duetie, hauyng neuertheles and occu-pieng suche romes and commodities, as were institute and ordeyned for the mayntenance and relief of poore scholers, to the great hinderance and detri-ment of the same. Be it therfore enacted by the kynge our soueraygne lorde, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the cõmons in this present parlyament assembled, that all and syngular spirituall persone and persones, whiche nowe be or hereafter shall be to any benefyce or benefyces promoted, as is aforsaid, beinge aboue the age of .xl. yeres (the chancellour, vychancellour, cõmissary of the sayd vniuersities, or any of them, wardens, deanes, prouostes, presidentes, rectours, maisters, principals, and other heed rulers of colleges, halles, and other houses or places corporate within the sayd vniuersities, or any of them, doctours of the chayre, readers of diuinitie in the cõmon scholes of diuinitie, in any of the said vniuersities onely excep-ted) shalbe resident & abiding at & vpon one of their said benefices, accordyng to the entent & true meanyng of the saide former acte, vpon suche peyne and penalties as be conteyned in the sayde former acte, made and appointed for suche beneficed persons for their none residence. And that none of the sayde beneficed persones, beinge aboue the age aforesayd, except before except, shal from hensforthe be excused of their none residence vpon the saide benefyces for that they be studentes or resiaunt within the saide vniuersities or any of them, any prouiso, or any other clause or sentence specyfied or conteyned in the saide former acte of none residence, or any other thinge or thinges to the contrary hereof in any wise not withstandinge.

¶ AND ouer this be it enacted by thauctorite beforsaid, that al & singular such benefited persons being vnder the age of .xl. yeres, resiant and abiding within the said vniuersities, or any of them, shall not enioye the priuilege and libertie of none residence conteyned in the prouiso of the said former act, made for the scholers & studentes of the said vniuersities or any of the, onles he or they be present at the ordinary lecture and lectures, as well at home in their houses as in the common schole or scholes, and in their proper persons kepe sophismes, problemes, disputations, and other exercyses of lernynge, and be opponent and respondent in the same, accordynge to the ordynances and statutes of eyther of the sayd vniuersities, where he or they shall be so abydynge by resiaunt: any thynge conteyned in the sayde prouiso or former

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acte to the contrary notwithstandynge.

¶ Prouided alwey that this acte shall begynne to take effecte at the feast of sainct Mighell tharchaungell next comynge, and not before.

¶ Prouided alwey, that this acte, nor any thynge therin conteyned, shal extende to any personne or persones, whiche nowe is or hereafter shall be readers of any publique or common lecture in diuinitie, lawe ciuile, phisycke, philosophy, humanitie, or of any of the liberall sciences, or publyque or cōmon interpretours or techers of the Ebrew tonge, Caldey, or greke, in what so euer college or place of any of the sayd vniuersities the sayd persones for the tyme beinge, shall rede the sayd common or publique lectures: Nor yet to any person or personnes, whiche after or about the age of .xl. yeres, which shall resorte to any of the sayde vniuersities to procede doctours in diuinitie, lawe ciuile, or phisike, for the tyme of theyr said procedynges, and executing of suche sermons dispicions or lectours, whiche they be bounde by the statutes of the vnyuersites there to do for the sayd degrees so obteyned.

An acte lymyttynge the prices of wynes. Cap. xiiii.

BE it enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, that no person or persons shall sell any Gascoyne Guyon or Frenche wynes aboue. viii. d. the galon, that is to saye, a peny the pinte, two pence the quarte, foure pence the pottel, and. viii. pence the galon, vpon peyne of forfayture for euery pynte to be solde aboue the sayd pryce. iiii. d. and for euery quart sold aboue the sayd price. viii. d. and for euery pottel so solde aboue the sayd price xii. d. And for euery galon so solde aboue the sayd price afore lymitted. ii. s. And that no Malmeseys, romneys, sackes, nor other swete wynes shall be sold by retayle aboue. xii. the galon. vi. d. the pottell. iii. d. the quart, and. i. d. ob. the pynte, vpon peyne to lose and forfayte. iii. s. iiii. d. for euery galon. xx. d. for euery pottell. xii. d. for euery quarte, and. vi. d. for euery pynte, that shal be solde contrary to this acte.

¶ Prouided alway, that the lorde Chancellour, lorde Treasourer, lord president of the kynges moste honourable counsayle, lorde priuie seale, and the two chiefe Justices of eyther benche, or. v. iiii. or iii. of them, shall haue power and auctoritie by theyr discretyons, to sette the prices of all kynde of wynes, that is to saye, of the prices of the butte, tonne, pype, hoggeshed, poncheon, teers, barrell, or rundelet, when it shall be solde in grosse, so that they or any of them cause the prices by them set to be writen, and open proclamatiō therof to be made in the kinges court of Chācery openly in the terme tyme, or elles in the citie borroughe or towne, where any suche wynes shall be solde in grosse: any thynge conteyned in this acte to the contrarye hereof not withstandynge.

¶ And it is further enacted, that if any person or persons, after such prices be set and put in writynge by the sayd lorde Chauncellour, lorde treasourer,

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lorde president of the kynges moste honourable counsayle, lord privy seale, and the .ii. chiefe iustices, or by .v. iiii. or .iii. of them, and proclamation ther of hadde (as is aforesayd) do sell any wynes in grosse by any fraude or couyn, contrary to the sayde prices so sette and proclaymed: that then euery offendour in that behalfe shall lose and forfayte for euery vesselle by theym solde in grosse contrary to the sayd prices .xl.s. the one halfe of all which forfaytures to be to the kynge our souerayne lorde, and the other halfe therof if it be within any citie borough or towne corporate, to be to the mayres, shyrefes, baylyues, or other heed rulers of suche cyties boroughes or townes corporate. And if it be without citie, borough, or towne corporate, than to be to suche of the kynges subiectes as wyll sewe for the same. And that euery suche forfayture shall be recouered by origynall writte of dette, bylle, playnt, or informacion, In whiche suyte no wager of lawe shall be admytted, nor any protection or essoyne allowed.

¶ And it is also enacted, that the iustices of peace in euery shere of this present realme, and all mayres sherefes baylyues and other heed officers in cities boroughes and townes corporate, that is to say, euery of theym within the lymytes of their commissions and auctorities, as well within fraunchises as without, shal haue power and auctorite to examine here inquere and determyne the defautes of suche as shall attempte to sel any wynes in grose or by retayle contrary to this acte, and to punyshe the offendours by imprysonment or other wyse by their discrecions.

¶ And where as in the parlyament holden at westmynster in the fyrste yere of the reigne of kyng Rychard the thyrd, among other thynges it was establyshed, ordeyned, and enacted, that euery tonne of wyne shulde conteyne. ¶ Cliii. galons, euery butte of Malmesey shulde conteyne. C. xxvi. galons, euery pype. Cxxvi. galons, euery tercyan or poncheon. lxxxiiii. galons, euery hoggeshed. lxiii. galons, euery teerce. xli. galons. and euery barrell. xxxi. galons and di, and euery rondelette. xviii. galons and di. And that no vessell shulde be putte to sale, tyll it were gauged, vppon peyne of forfayture, as by the same statute it dothe appere more at large. Neuertheles great disceite is daily vsed in sellynge of wynes and oyle in caskes and vesselles, not bearyng the contentes aboue lymytted, to the great losse of the kynges pore subiectes. For remedye wherof, it is enacted by the auctorite of this presente parlyamente, that the sayde estatute, made in the fyrste yere of kynge RYCHARDE the. III. and all other estatutes heretofore made for trewe gaugynge and measurynge of wynes, oyles, hony, or any other lycours, whiche estatutes afore this tyme be not repelled nor expired, shall stonde in their strength and vertu, and be put in due execution, accordyng to their tenours and effectes in euery behalfe.

¶ And ouer that be it enacted by auctorite of this present parlyament, that euery gauger within this realme shall trewely and effectually, within the lymyttes of his office, gauge all the sayde tonnes, buttes, pypes, terses, poncheons, tercians, barrelles, hoggesheedes, and rundelettes, and shall plainly and

and truely marke vpon the heed of euery suche vessel the content of the same, vpon peine to forfaite to the party, to whose vse the wyne oyle or other thing therin beinge shalbe solde, foure tymes the value of that that the vessell soo marked shall lacke of his lawful contente aboue writen: the same forfaiture to be recouered ouer and besides the costes of the suite, by the kynges originall writte, or by bill in any of the kynges courtes of his common lawes, or in any competente courte, haupnge iurisdiction in the place where that offence shalbe committed, by action or bill of dette, in whiche action or suyte none essoine protection nor wager of lawe shalbe accepted admitted or alowed to the defendaunt or defendauntes. And that euery marchant or other person sellynge the sayde wyne, oyle, or other thynge contepned in the sayde vessell marked, shall alowe of the price therof to the byer of the same, for euery quantite of wyne, oyle, or other thing contepned in the sayd marked vessel, the ful value of the lacke therof, being by reson of defaut of fulgauge of the vessell marked, or of defaute of fyllinge of the same vessel, or by reason of defaute of any of them, after the rate of the hole price of the wyne oyle or other thinge so beinge solde by that vessel marked: and that vpon peyne of forfaiture to the same byer the double value of the same vessel and wine, oyle, or other thinge therin beinge so solde: the same forfaiture to be recouered togither with the costes of the suite, in maner and fourme as the forfayture last before-wrytten is limytted to be recouered.

An acte for punishement of pirotes and robbers on the see. Cap. xv.

Where traytours, pyrotes, theues, robbers, murtherers, and confederatours vppon the see many tymes escape vnpunyshed, be cause the triall of theyr offences hath heretofore ben ordered iudged and determyned before the admyrall or his lieutenaunte or commyssary, after the course of the ciuyle lawes, the nature wherof is, that before any iudgemente of death canne be peuen agaynste the offendours, either they muste playnely confesse their offences (whiche they wyl neuer do without torture or peynes) or elles theyr offences be so playnely and dyrectly proued by witnesse indifferente, suche as sawe theyr offences committed, whiche can not be goten but by chaunce at fewe tymes, by cause suche offendours commyt theyr offences vpon the see, and at many times murder and kyll suche persones beinge in the shyppe or bote, where they committe theyr offentes, which shuld wytnes agenste them in that behalfe, and also suche as shulde beare witnes be commonly maryners and shyppe men, whiche bycause of theyr often viages and passages in the sees, departe without longe tarrynge and protraction of tyme, to the great costes and charges as wel of the kynges byghnes, as suche as wolde pursue such offendours. For reformation wherof be it enacted by the auctorite of this present parlyament, that al treasons, felonyes, robberies,

robberies, murders, and confederacies hereafter to be committed in or vpon the see, or in any other hauen ryuer creke or place, where the admyrall or admyralles haue or pretende to haue power auctorytie or iurisdiction, shall be inquired tried harde determyned and iudged in suche shyres and places in the realme, as shall be lymitted by the kynges commyssion or commissions to be directed for the same, in lyke fourme and condition as if any suche offence or offences had bene committed or done in or vppon the lande, and suche commyssions shall be had vnder the kynges great seale directed to the admyrall or admiralles, or to his or to theyr lieutenaunt deputie and deputies, and to. iii. or iiii. suche other substauncial persones, as shall be named or appoynted by the lorde Chauncellour of Englande, for the tyme beinge, frome tyme to tyme and as often as nede shall require, to here and determyne suche offences after the common course of the lawes of this lande, vsed for treasonnes, felonies, robberies, murders, and confederacies, of the same done and committed vpon the lande within this realme.

¶ And be it enacted by the auctorytie afore sayde, that suche persones, to whom suche commyssion or commyssions shall be directed, or. iiii. of them at the leaste, shall haue full power and auctorytie to enquere of suche offences, and of euery of theym, by the othes of twelue good and laufull inhabytauntes in the Shere, lymytted in their commyssion, in suche lyke maner and fourme as if suche offences hadde benne committed vppon the land within the same shire. And that euery inditemente founde and presented before suche commyssioners, of any treasonnes, felonyes, robberies, murders, manslaughters, or suche other offences, committed or done in or vppon the sees, or in or vppon any other hauen ryuer or creke, shall be good and effectuall in the lawe. And if any persanne or persones happen to be indyted for any suche offence done or hereafter to be done vppon the sees, or in any other places aboue lymitted: that thenne suche order processe iudgemente and execution shall be vsed hadde done and made to and agaynste euery suche persanne and persones, soo beynge indycted, as agaynste traytours, felons, and murderers, for treasonne, felony, robberie, murder, or other suche offences done vppon the lande, as by the lawes of the realme is accustomed. And that the tryall of suche offence or offences, if it be denyed by the offendour or offendours, shall be had by. xii. laufull menne, inhabyted in the shere lymytted within suche commyssion, whiche shall be directed as is afore sayde, and noo chalenge or chalenges to be hadde for the hundred. And suche as shall be conuicte of any suche offence or offences by, verdycte confession or processe, by auctorytie of any suche commyssyon, shall haue and suffer suche peynes of death losses of londes goodes and cattalles, as if they hadde bene atteynted and conuicted of any treasons, felonies, robberies, or other the sayde offences, done vpon the landes.

¶ AND be it enacted by auctorytie aforesayde, that for treasons robberies

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felonyes murders and confederacies, done vppon the see or sees, or in any place above rehersed, the offendours shall not be admytted to haue the benefyte of his or their clergie, but be vtterly excluded therof and frome the same, and also of the priuilege of any sayntuarie.

¶ Prouyded alwaye, that this acte extende not to be preiudiciall or hurtefull to any persone or personnes for takinge any vitaille, gables, ropes, ankers, or sayles, whiche any suche persone or persones (compelled by necessitie) takyth of or in any shyppe, whiche maye conuenientlye spare the same, so the same persone or persons paye out of hande for the same vyttayle, gables, ropes, ankers, or sayles, money or money worthe, to the value of the thynge so taken, or to deliuer for the same, a sufficient bylle obligatorie, to be payde in fourme folowynge, That is to saye, if the takyng of the same thynges be on this syde the straytes of Marroke, than to be payde within iiii. monethes. And if it be beyonde the sayd straytes of Marroke, than to payde within. xii. monethes nexte ensuynge the makynge of suche bylles. And that the makers of suche bylles well and truely paye the same dette at the daye to be limitted within the sayd bylles.

¶ Prouyded alwaye, that whanne soo euer any suche commyssion for the punyshement of the offences aforesayde, or of any of theym, shall be directed or sente to anye place within the iurisdiccyon of the fyue portes, that then euery suche commyssion shall be directed vnto the lorde wardeyne of the sayde portes for the tyme beinge, or to his deputie, and vnto .iii. or .iiii. suche other person or persons, as the lorde chauncellour for the tyme being shall name and appoynt: Anythynge in this presente acte to the contrarye not withstandynge.

¶ Prouyded alwaye, that whan soo euer any commyssion shalbe directed vnto the fyue portes, for the inquisition and trialles of any the offences expressed in this acte, that euery suche inquisition and trialle to be hadde by vertue of suche commyssion, shall be made and had by the inhabytantes in the sayde .v. portes or the membres of the same: anythynge in this acte to the contrary therof not withstandynge.

¶ An acte for the relese of suche as haue obteyned pretended lycences and dispensations from the see of Rome. Ca. xvi.

WHere the bysshop of Rome and his predecessours, of his and their couetous and ambicious myndes, to thintent to aduaunce and enryche them selfes and the see of Rome, to the great empouerysshynge of this realme of Englande, and other the kynges dominyons, contrarye to goddis lawes, the lawes and statutes of this realme, and in derogacion of the imperial crowne of this said realme, haue heretofore wrongfully pretended, extorted, vsed, and exercysed within the same diuers and many vsurped powers, iurisdictions and auctorities, durynge and by the whiche tyme the sayde bysshoppe and his predecessours, arro-

arrogantly and intuſtly haue taken vpon them for great ſommes of money and other profites to them gyuen, to graunt vnto the kynges ſubiectes, and other inhabytauntes within this realme, and other the kynges dominions, many diuerſe and ſondry auctorities immunites faculties priuileges lycences indulgences and preempynences, of diuers kyndes natures and qualyties: whiche all thoughe they proceded by an intuſte and vſurped auctorytie, haue bene vnto nowe of late by the ſubiectes of this realme temerouſly and ignorauntly accepted receyued vſed and erronyously put in execution: the whiche vſurped auctorytie iuryſdiction and power is nowe iuſtly trewely and ought to be clerely and abſolutely extinguiſhed extyrped and abolyſhed within this realme and other the kynges dominions. And forasmoche as all and euery ſuche perſon and perſones bodies politike and corporate, whiche vnlaufully and without any maner of auctorytie or iuſte grounde, heretofore haue temerouſly and ignorauntly accepted receyued vſed & erronioufly put in execution and exercise the ſayd faculties immunites auctorities priuileges licences indulgences and preeminences, haue nowe ſincere pure and perfite intelligence and knowlege of the ſayd vſurped auctorytie iuriſdiction and power, And that the ſayd faculties, auctorities, priuileges, licences, and indulgences, ſo as is afore ſayd accepted receyued vſed and erronioufly exercyſed, were and ben to al intentes and purpoſes clere ly voyde fruſtrate and of none effecte. All be it if they ſhulde be impeached or interrupted of ſuch priuileges liberties preemynences auctorities iuriſdictions profittes and other commodities, whiche they nowe haue vſe and exercise by colour of ſuche vayne and voyde lycences diſpenſations and faculties, it ſhulde be to their intollerable inquietations and vtter vndoinge. Wherfore be it enacted by auctorytie of this preſent parlyament, that al bulles breues faculties and diſpenſations, of what names natures or qualyties ſoo euer they be of, heretofore had or optayned of the byſhoppe of Rome, or of any his predeceſſours, or by the auctorytie of the ſee of Rome, by or to any ſubiectes reſiauntes or bodyes politike or corporate of or in this realme, or of or in any other the kynges dominions, ſhal from henſeforth be clerely voyde and of no value force ſtrength nor vertue, and ſhall neuer hereafter be vſed admytted allowed pleaded or alleged in any places or courtes of this realme, or of any other the kinges dominions, vpon the peynes contey ned in the ſtatute of prouiſion & premunire, made in the. xvi. yere of the reigne of kynge RYCHARDE the ſeconde. Yet not withſtandynge at the moſte humble petition and interceſſion of the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons in this preſent parlyament aſſembled, it maye pleaſe the kinges maieſtie, of his mooſte gratious benignitie goodnes and bleſſed diſpoſition, that it maye be enacted by auctorytie of this parlyament, that all maryages had and ſolempniſed within this realme, or in any other the kinges dominions, before the thirde date of Nouember, in the. xxvi. yere of the kinges moſt gratious reigne, wherof there is no dewoyce or ſeperation had by the eccleſiaſtical lawes of this realme, & which maryages be not prohibited

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by goddis lawes, lymitted and declared in the act made in this present parliament for the stablyshement of the kinges succession, or otherwyse by holy scripture, shall be by auctorite of this present parliament good lawfull and effectuall, and shalbe from the beginning of such mariages reputed estemed taken adiuged receiued approued and allowed by the auctorite of this present parliament, to al and singuler purposes effectes and ententes, as good as sufficient and as vailable, as thoughe noo impediments of matrimony had euer ben betwene them that haue contracted and solempnysed suche mariages: And that all children procreated and to be procreated in and vnder suche mariages, shall be lawfulle to all intentes and purposes.

¶ And that it maye be also enacted by the auctorite of this present parlyament, that all archebyshoppes and byshoppes of this realme, or of any the kynges dominions consecrated, and at this present tyme taken and reputed for archebyshops and byshops, may by auctorite of this present parlyament, and not by vertue of any prouision or other forayne auctorite licence facultie or dispensation, kepe, enioy, and reteyn their archbyshoprickes & byshoprickes, in as large & ample maner, as if they had ben promoted elected confirmed & consecrated, accordyng to the dewe course of the lawes of this realme. And that euery archebyshoppe and byshop of this realme, and of other the kynges dominions, maye mynister vse and exercise all and euery thyng & thynges, perteynyng to thoffice or order of an archbyshop & byshop, with all tokens insignes and ceremonies therunto lawfully belonging.

And that al ecclesiastical persons of the kinges realme & dominions, whiche at this tyme be taken had and reputed for abbottes, priours, abbasses, prioresses, and other heedes of religion (whiche be not nother shall be excluded from their dignities by the late acte of suppression) and the religious persons lyuynge vnder their obedience, and all persons nowe taken and reputed as maysters presidentes prouostes and wardeynes of cathedrall churches and colleges, with the companyes and felowshyppes of the same, all preestes and clerkes, whiche haue receyued any of the ecclesiasticall orders, all archedeacons and deanes and other hauyng offices cures and dygnities spiritual, maye by auctorite of this acte and not by the vertue of any forein power or auctorite, admynister vse and exercise all thynges perteynynge to their dignities offices orders cures religions and felowshyppes, and maye lawfully hereafter vse al tokens, insignes, and ceremonies, which they haue ben accustomed to vse in tymes paste (so it be not expressly agaynst the lawes of god and this realme) any thynge or thynges conteyned in any act or actes made sithen the begynnynge of this presente parlyament to the contrary of any the premysses in any wyse not withstandynge.

¶ And where diuers and many of the kynges sayd subiectes haue purchased and obteyned many dispensations bulles breues and facultes of the bishoppe of Rome for the tyme beinge, or by auctorite of the see of Rome, as pluralyties, dyuons, trialittes, appropriations, commendams, exemptions, and other bulles breues and facultes, for diuers causes and matters, other

than be afore expressed, whiche be of no strength or vertue, it maye therfore please the kynges maiestie, that it maye be enacted by auctorite afore saide, that all and euery his sayde subiectes during the tyme of one hole yere next after the feast of saynete Mychell the archaungell next commynge, maye enioye vse and haue by auctorite of this presente acte, and not by the vertue of the sayd bulles breues and faculties, al and euery the effectes conteyned & specified in suche bulles breues and faculties, in all suche cases only as may be dispensed with by the archebyshoppe of Canturbury, by auctorite of the lawes and statutes of this realme.

¶ And that it maye be further enacted by auctorite aforesayde, that all and euery the kynges sayde subiectes, bryngynge rendrynge and delyuerynge to such persons of his counsel, or of the maysters of his chauncery, as the kynges hyghnes shall name and appoynt, any bulles breues or any other faculties concernynge any the premysses: that then if it shall appere to suche persons, as the kynges hyghnes shal so name and appoynt to receiue such bulles faculties and breues, after dewe examination therof had, that the effectes conteyned and specified in suche bulles faculties and breues or any part therof, maye be lawfully graunted by the sayde archebyshoppe of Canturbury, by auctorite of the lawes and statutes of this realme: that then and in euery suche case the kynges sayde subiectes, makynge humble suite to haue the effectes conteined in the sayde bulles breues and faculties to be granted vnto them, shall haue receyue and obteyne of the chauncellour of Englande or keper of the great seale for the tyme beinge, by sufficient writtinge in dewe fourme to be made, and to be sealed vnder the kynges great seale, all and euery suche effectes conteyned and specified in suche bulles breues and faculties, as maye be lawfully graunted by the saide archebyshoppe of Chanturburie, by auctorite of the lawes and statutes of this realme, paienge only for the sealynge of euery suche writynge. xx. s. iiii. d. And ouer that for the reasonable costes for peynes of the writynge therof, iii. s. iiii. d. and not aboue, and for the peyne taken for dewe examination of euery suche bulles breues and faculties. iii. s. iiii. d, and not aboue. And that this present acte shal be sufficient and immediate warrant to the chauncellour or keper of the great seale, for thensealyng and delyuerie of suche lycences faculties dispensations & other writynges, which shal be made graunted & sealed vnder the kynges great seale by vertue & auctorite of this acte.

¶ AND it is also enacted by auctorite afore sayde, that all and euery such lycence dispensation faculte confirmation or other writyng, to be had made or graunted vnder the kynges great seale out of the said court of chauncery by auctoritee of this acte, in fourme as is aboue rehersed, shall be good and effectual to the said parties suing for the same, according to the tenor and effectes therof, & shalbe admytted accepted and allowed in al courtes and places of this realme, and in all other the kynges dominions: any vsage prescription forein lawes customes or ordynaunce to the contrary therof notwithstandynge.

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¶ An acte geuyng auctoritie to suche as shall succede to the crowne of this realme, whan they come to the age of. xviii. yeres, to make frustrate suche actes as shall be made afore in their tyme. Capitulo. xvii.

FOr as moche as lawes and statutes may happen hereafter to be made within this realme, at parlyamentes holden at suche tyme as the kynges of the same shal happen to be within age, haupnge small knowledge and experience of their affaires, to the great hynderance and derogation of the imperialle crowne of this realme, and to the vnpuersall damage of the common weith of the subiectes of the same, Be it therfore enacted by auctoritie of this present parlyamente, that if the imperiall crowne of this realme, after the decease of the kynges moost royall maieste, whose life our lorde longe preserue, discende, comme, or remayne, to the heyres of our sayde soueraygne lorde, or to any persone to be limitted by his highnes, as of very right it muste and ought to do, accordinge to the lawes of this realme establysshed for the same, the sayd heires or suche person beinge within the aege of. xviii. yeres, and that then any acte or actes of parlyament shall happen to be made and establysshed in any parlyament, that then shall be holden, before suche heire or heyres person or persones then beinge in possession of the said crowne, shall be of theyr full ages of. xviii. yeres: that then euery suche heire or heires of our sayde soueraygne lorde, or suche person so possessed of the crowne, and beinge within the same age of. xviii. yeres, shall haue fulle power and auctoritie at all tymes after they shall comme to their sayde full ages of. xviii. yeres, by their letters patentes, vnder the greatte seale of Englande, to reuoke, adnulle, and repeale all and syngular suche actes, made and establysshed by their royall assentes in any parliament holden durinnge the tyme that they were within their sayde age of. xviii. yeres, their royall assentes hadde to the same, durynge the tyme that they were within the saide age of xviii. yeres, or any acte or actes hereafter to be made to the contrary thereof nat withstandynge.

¶ And be it also enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that euery suche repeale adnullation and reuocation of any acte or actes, that shalbe made and establysshed in any parliament, holden before the tyme that suche heires or person, possessed of the crowne, shall be of the sayde age of. xviii. yeres, shall be as good and effectuall to all intentes and purposes, as though it had ben done by auctoryte of parlyament.

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¶ An act concernynge treason in certayne cases. Cap. xviii.

E it enacted by auctoritie of this p̄sent parlyament, that if any man, of what estate, degree, or condicion so euer he be, at any tyme hereafter, take vpon hym to espouse, mary, or take to his wyfe any of the kynges chyldren, being laufully borne or other wise, commonly reputed or taken for his children, or any of the kynges systers or auntes of the part of the father, or any the laufull children of the kynges brethern or systers, or contract mariage with any of them, without the especiall lycence assent consent and agrement first therunto had and obteyned of the kinges highnes in writing vnder his graces great seale, or defyle or defloure any of them not being maried, shall be demed and adiuged a traytour to the kynge and to his realme. And ꝑ euery such offence herafter to be done made or perpetrated, cōtrary to this acte, shal be adiuged & demed to be hygh treson. And that euery man so offendyng, & their abettours, procurers, cōforters, counsaylers, and ayders, being laufully conuict of any such offence, according to the lawes of this realme, shal haue & suffre such and lyke peynes and execution of deth, losses of priuileges of saintuary, and forfaitures of landes tenemētes & hereditamentes to all intentes and purposes, as in cases of high treason appertayneth. Sauynge to all and euery person and persones, bodies politike and corporate, their heires and successours, and to the heires and successours of euery of them, other than the lorde Thomas Howarde, and his heires, and all other persons, whiche shall fortune hereafer to be attaynted by auctoryte of this acte, and their heires and euery of them, all suche right, title, interesse, possession, leases annuities rentes seruices reuercions remaynders offices fees commons condicions and other commodites profites and hereditamētes, in suche maner fourme qualitie and condicion, as they or any of them haue had, shuld or myght haue had, if this act had neuer ben had nor made: Any thinge in this present acte to the contrary therof not withstanding.

¶ Prouyded alway and be it enacted, that in euery suche case before rehersed, the woman after the laste day of this parlyament so offendynge, beinge within the degrees before specified, shall incurre lyke danger and penaltie, as is before lymitted, and shall suffre suche lyke deathe and punyshement, as is before appoynted to the man offendyng in maner and fourme expressed in this acte.

GOD SAVE THE KYNGE.